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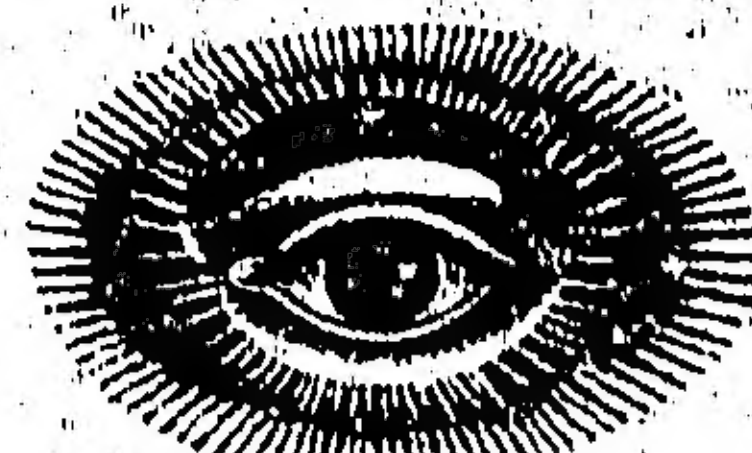
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RABIES MENACE.

Death of a Hong Kong
European.

WENT TO HELP OF ANOTHER
MAN.

For the first time in many years
a European has died in Hong Kong
from hydrophobia. Gunner Patrick
Murphy, of the 12th Heavy Battery,
Royal Artillery, stationed at Lee-
mun, passing away at the Military
Hospital yesterday as a result of
a bite from a rabid dog.

The "China Mail" understands
that Gunner Murphy became in-
fected through going to the rescue
of another man who was being at-
tacked by this mad dog and, in do-
ing so, was bitten himself.

A post mortem examination was
held by the officers of the Royal
Army Medical Corps at the Military
Hospital, Bowen Road, yesterday.

Courages Surprised.

It is definitely stated that de-
ceased died from rage, which
means rabies.

Men in the 12th Battery, how-
ever, are at loss to understand how
Murphy came to be bitten, as some
of them were unaware of his rescue
and the unfortunate circumstances.

Some months ago, he was noticed
to have had little more than a
"scratch" from a dog. Those to
whom the news of his death came
as a surprise are of the opinion
that the infection must have oc-
curred subsequently and that de-
ceased paid little or no attention to
it and may not have reported it till
too late.

There is little doubt that hydro-
phobia was the cause of death.

The Muzzling Order.

The funeral was held this morn-
ing a firing party from deceased's
Battery marching in company with
units from the garrison behind the
band of the 2nd Batt. King's Own
Scottish Borderers. Buglers
sounded the "Last Post" and a
great many wreaths and floral tri-
butes were placed on the grave.
Gunner Murphy was only 22
years of age and was not married.

Owing to Private Murphy's death
from rabies, it is almost certain
that the muzzling order will be
extended.

SHOT DEAD.

NOTED HINDU LEADER'S
FATE.

ASSAILANT ARRESTED.

Delhi, Dec. 23.

Swami Shradhanand, the noted
Hindu leader, was shot dead by
Abdul Rashid, presumably a
Mohammedan. An attendant,
Dharam Singh, was also hit, being
seriously wounded.

Abdul Rashid has been arrest-
ed. The shops are closed and the
police are taking precautions to
prevent disturbances.

"SAIKUNG" ROBBERY.

CASE TO FINISH THIS
AFTERNOON.

The greater part of this
morning's session at the Criminal
Sessions case in which three men
are charged with complicity in
robbery and murder aboard the
s.s. "Saikung" was taken up
with the final address of Mr. A.
Dyer Ball, Crown counsel.

This afternoon, Mr. H. S. Lo
(counsel for the defence) will
address the jury after which His
Lordship will sum up and the
jury retire.

Yesterday's Evidence.

At yesterday afternoon's hear-
ing, the three defendants denied
all knowledge of the robbery on
the "Saikung" and gave various
explanations as to the reason for
their presence at Tap Mun when
arrested.

The third prisoner was con-
fronted with confessions which
he had made and stated that he
had been a little silly and was
in a state of mental confusion at
the time he made them. Prisoner
also alleged that he had been
beaten before he made the con-
fessions.

BIAS BAY FIGHT.

Canton Takes Rebels by
Surprise.

18 PIRATES EXECUTED.

Canton's expedition against Bias
Bay pirates has resulted in the
capture of 18 outlaws who were
peremptorily shot, the rounding up
of 100 guerrilla troops belonging
to General Lo Kwan (the pro-Chan
Kwang-ming commander) and the
killing of 7 of these irregulars in
combat.

Coming from the up-country dis-
tricts beyond the New Territories
frontier the reports are very brief.
Four small gunboats (or armed
launches) landed on the coast be-
yond the border village of Sha-
tau-kok. From a sampan they opened
fire with a machine-gun on the out-
posts of General Lo Kwan, who had
seven men killed there.

Advancing rapidly inland, the
Nationalist expedition disarmed
about 100 of these anti-Canton
troops and then cut into a pirate
lair in the hinterland of Bias Bay.
Eighteen pirates were caught and
shot by the military.

LABOUR DEMANDS.

A REPLY TO THE CANTON
AUTHORITIES.

CHIEF UNION'S POINTS.

Following the orders by the
Canton authorities to Labour, the
leading organisation of the work-
ers has addressed a reply to the
Kwangtung Provincial Govern-
ment. Extracts are:—

"We have read your decisions
concerning the limitation of
strike and the settlement of con-
flicts between labour unions. We
are sure that the workers will
respectfully obey the resolutions
of the Government. But there is
something from which the
proletariat suffers, and which it
is our duty to explain to you.

"Everybody knows that, al-
though the Kwangtung workers
have political freedom, their

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

The "China Mail" will not be
published to-morrow, Christmas Day,
but will be published on Monday at
mid-day. The "Sunday Herald" will
appear on Sunday as usual.

economic conditions are still
bad. Owing to the troubled
situation of these last years
economic development was stag-
nant. Many workers are out of
employment, and the wage
standard is low. During 1920-
21, there was an increase in
salary, but there were few la-
bour unions, and therefore, not
all the workers obtained that
benefit.

"During these five years, the
economic situation has much
changed. Some workers keep
their former wages. While
others see their salary reduced.

A Few Admissions.
"The cost of living is getting
higher every day. Some years
ago, a dollar could buy 20 mea-
sures of rice. To-day, the same
quantity costs two dollars. The
merchants can raise their price
according to the market. What
can the workers do, and how can
they live with a falling salary?"

After alleging that employers
were insincere and hypocritical,
the Labour statement says:—

"It was the extreme neces-
sity, that the workers sometimes
have arrested strike-breakers,
boycotted factories or shops,
kept goods at their unions to re-
turn them when the conflict is
settled.

The letter also maintains that
"responsible officials" had not
arbitrated the conflicts with will-
ingness and rapidity and accuse
the former chairman of the La-
bour Peasant Department with
leaving 1,700 cases unsettled.

Demands on Government.

Claiming to represent over 200
labour unions with a total mem-
bership of more than 190,000
workers, the K.W.D.C. therefore
presents the following demands
to the Government:—

1. The Government protect
effectively the necessary la-

WUCHOW UNREST.

Generals Send Troops to
Keep Order.

AN APPEAL TO CANTON.

A new development in the wide-
spread trouble in Wuchow has oc-
curred, the merchants now being
reported to be siding with the
workers, and this city branch of
the Kuomintang, against the
more powerful district branch of
the Kuomintang Party.

Very active measures were
taken by the district clique to



General Wong Shih-hung who
is responsible for keeping order at
Wuchow.

round up a number of alleged
strikers, pickets and Labour
Union officials, but the majority
of these escaped.

Intermediaries failed to secure
the release of those incarcerated
by the district branch.
These intermediaries represent
the Shipping Union, the city Ku-
omintang and the chief of the
Labour Department, and they
have gone to Canton to appeal to
the higher government.

Hong Kong Ships Examined.
Meanwhile order is being pre-
served by troops despatched by
General Wong Shih-hung (gov-



General Li Chung-jen, who still
has a small number of troops in
Kwangsi province. The majority
are with him in the Yangtze
Valley.

ernor of Wuchow and Kwangsi
province) and General Li Chung-
jen (whose Kwangsi troops, the
7th Nationalist Army) have won
great honours in the war against
central China.

There has been no disturbance.
An undercurrent of unrest pre-
vails. (Searches are still being
made and steamers leaving for
Hong Kong have been closely
examined.)

Meanwhile talk is in the air of
a general strike and a general
cessation of business and trade
with Hong Kong is interrupted.

THE PERILS OF PEACE.

London, Dec. 19.

In a dense crowd of Christmas
shoppers to-day, six bandits attack-
ed the guard escorting a bank mes-
senger at Kansas City and stole
\$15,800, escaping in a motor-car.
Wireless through Reuter.

bour movement for the better-
ment of the workers' living
conditions.

2. To suppress severely the
machinations of the bad employ-
ers and of their hunting dogs.

3. To help and guide
effectively the labour unions in
all conflicts.

BRITISH PROPOSALS.

Japanese Government's
Attitude.

NOT DECIDED YET.

Tokyo, Dec. 23.
Though the O'Malley Note is
being studied carefully, the
Japanese Government has not yet
decided what attitude will be
adopted towards the proposals.
This delay is partly due to the
Emperor's condition, which neces-
sitates the presence of Cabinet
Ministers at Hayama.

Consequently Cabinet Ministers
are unable at present to devote as
much attention to the Note as de-
sired, though it is understood
that it is hoped that they will in-
struct the Yoshizawa to-day or to-
morrow.

In the meantime owing to the
delicacy of the question no in-
timation of Japan's probable atti-
tude can be obtained.

Press opinion is somewhat
divided, the "Jiji" sympathising
with the British position which it
considers led her to decide to
modify her policy purposing to
mollify China, but expresses
doubt whether the other Powers
with their own special interests
will fall into line.

The "Yamato" considers the
proposals indicate that Britain is
attempting to trick the Japanese
Government and is hoping to
strangle Japan from Chang
Tso-lin—Reuter.

Peking Paper's Outburst.

Peking, Dec. 24.
Though the British Memoran-
dum has not yet been published,
the Kuomintang organ, the
"People's Tribune" is not waiting
to learn the actual contents there-
of and shows a determined
irreconcilable attitude towards
friendly overtures.

It says: "We state categori-
cally for the Nationalist movement
that the proposals, though dubbed
by professional apologists for Bri-

SUDDEN RELAPSE.

Japanese Emperor
Sinking.

REGENT AT BEDSIDE.

Tokyo, Dec. 23.

An evening bulletin states
that the Emperor's heart is
weakening, his pulse is irregu-
lar and his respiration is
quickenings.

A Hayama message says that
the Regent and court officials
have been called hurriedly to
the bedside.—Reuter.

ish Imperialism as the most
liberal hitherto proposed, are ut-
terly unacceptable.

"If this is the best Britain has
to offer, we can understand per-
fectly well the necessity of its For-
eign Office feels of rushing all
the naval forces it can spare from
its other fields of imperialistic
exploitation, to that which it
seems determined to retain and
expand at any cost here in China.

The net results of the new
offer can only be an intensifying
of the already bitter attitude of
our people towards their relent-
less Imperialist foe."—Reuter.

ARMED ROBBERY.

In a Chinese tenement house
close by Kowloon City police sta-
tion, a gang of three armed robbers
brought off a coup about 1 p.m. yester-
day.

After gaining admission, they
produced a dagger, intimidated the
occupants who were then bound and
gagged and subsequently made off
with property, money and jewel-
lery, the value of which is not
known at the moment.

By the time the victims had freed
themselves and crossed over to the
station to report, the gang had
fled.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Till noon to-morrow the official
weather forecast for Hong Kong,
the adjoining coast and Formosa
Channel, is—fresh north-east
winds, cloudy.

SIGNS OF XMAS.

Busy Eleventh Hour
Shoppers.

SCENES IN CITY TO-DAY.

There are already indications
that the observance of the festive
season in Hong Kong this year will
be marked by an enthusiasm which
was not possible to many last year
by reason of trade conditions which
have considerably brightened
throughout 1926.

The local hotels have arranged a
full programme of dances and
carnivals throughout the Christmas
and New Year celebrations and in
the realm of sport some attractive
fixtures have been arranged.

The crowds that thronged the
shops during the morning and
at the "fifteen hour bear wit-
ness to the fact that Xmas shop-
pers do not learn wisdom as the
years go by. The greater per-
centage of Hong Kong Xmas shopping
must be done at the eleventh hour
and the local shop assistants will
probably be kept hard at it until 6
or 6.30 this evening.

"Hard luck, maybe," said the
manager of one of our large em-
poriums to a "China Mail" repre-
sentative this morning, "but busi-
ness is business; a retail store has
not only a public duty to perform
but can ill afford to lose business.
We are up against more formidable
competition than at home, competi-
tion which takes no count of Sun-
days or European holidays."

In most business firms, work
slackened off during the day, as was
evidenced by the greater numbers
to be observed in the streets and
elsewhere before the usual closing
hour. Contrary to custom, how-
ever, the courts of justice at the
Magistrate and Supreme Court
building sat late in order that the
magistrates, judges and jury might
enjoy the festive season freed from
the load of responsibility of half-
finished cases and decisions weigh-
ing in the balance.

The most seasonable aspect
presented anywhere in the City was
that of the flower sellers' stalls at
the foot of Wyndham Street. Bliss-
fully oblivious of the fact that they
were standing beneath bunches of
that suggestive plant, the mistle-
toe, these busy folk weaved bunch
after bunch of appropriate plants
and flowers and sold Xmas trees
and other decorations to belated
shoppers.

The usual Xmas services will
be held and special messages of sea-
sonal significance delivered by the
ministers. The visit of the Bishop
of London happily coinciding with
the arrival of Xmas, His Lordship
is to deliver the address at the
Cathedral service to-morrow.

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CANTON'S ARMY AGAINST
CHANG TSO-LIN.

HEADQUARTERS PROPOSALS

Regarding the steps to be taken
for reorganisation of the Nation-
alist Armies, which will be one of
the important questions to be
discussed at the Military Rehabi-
litation Conference called by
General Chang Kai-shek, Military
Headquarters at Canton have
drawn up the following proposals.
1. That the present system
of appointing Army Commans-
ders be abolished, and that a
Board of Military Affairs be in-
stituted to take the direct con-
trol of the troops. This Board
should be under the direct con-
trol of the Nationalist Govern-
ment, and should have a Gen-
eral chief-of-staff, and three de-
partments, Army, Navy and
Aviation.

Basis of Each Unit.
2. That the Armies be re-
organised with divisions as the
basis. Each division should
have 2 brigades, each brigade 3
regiments, each regiment 3 bat-
talions, each battalion 4 com-
panies. In addition to these,
each army should have two re-
giments of artillery and cavalry,
and two battalions of pioneers
and transport corps, respective-
ly.

3. That the Military Council
should remain as usual, and a
Secretariat should be added.

4. That a total force of four
hundred thousand men should be
enlisted for warfare against
Chang Tso-lin.

Further reorganisation will be
made as soon as China is unified.

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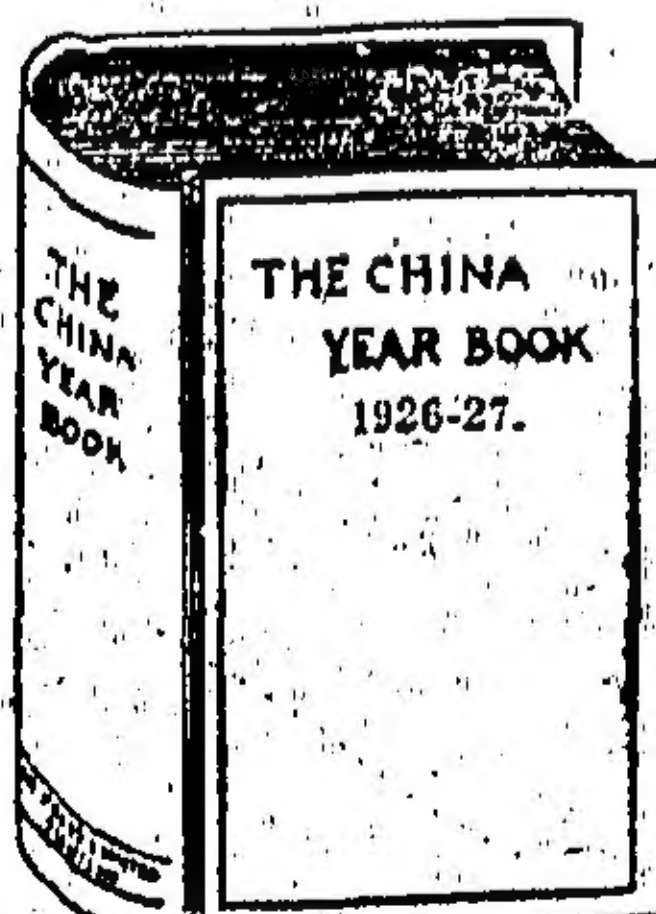
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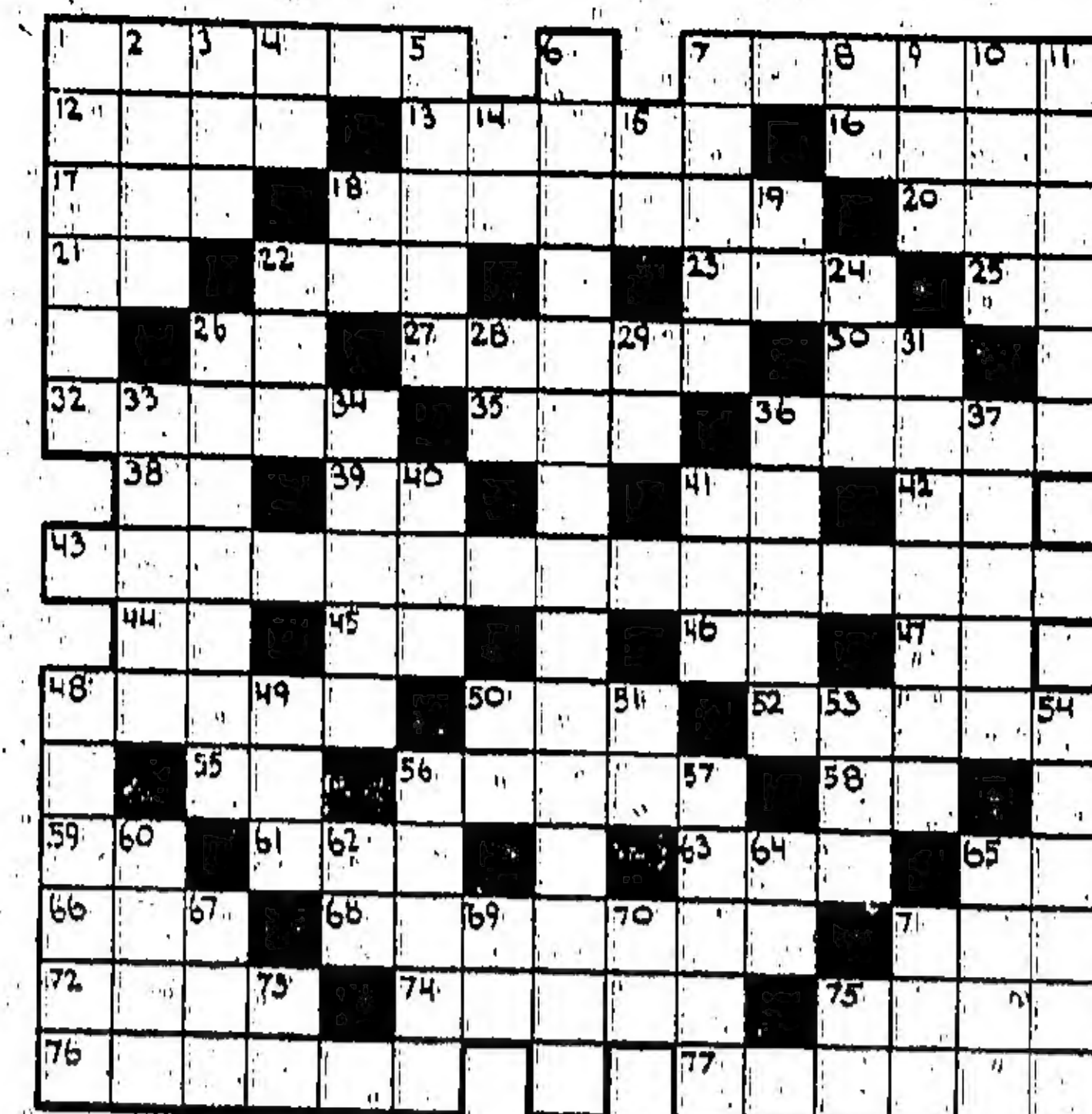
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OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(The cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

- 1—Empire
- 7—Level-headedness
- 12—A flament
- 13—Corrupt
- 16—At liberty
- 17—Help
- 18—Vigorous
- 20—An age
- 21—Plural (abbr.)
- 22—French coin
- 23—A fish
- 25—Near (abbr.)
- 26—Topographical Engineer (abbr.)
- 27—Salt water
- 30—Pronoun
- 32—Miser (slang)
- 35—Scout
- 36—Stringed instrument (pl.)
- 38—Prefix meaning "again"
- 39—Exhaust
- 41—Eastern State of U. S. (abbr.)
- 42—Each (abbr.)
- 43—Chronic invalid
- 44—Centimeter (abbr.)
- 45—Personal pronoun
- 46—You (pl.)
- 47—Island near New York City (abbr.)
- 48—To grind off, as the surface of a gem
- 50—Head covering
- 52—Farm animals, taken together
- 55—Thus

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 56—Joyful song
- 58—Upon
- 59—From
- 61—Armed conflict
- 63—Dine
- 64—Four girls (abbr.)
- 66—Part of the verb "to be"
- 68—Dethrow
- 71—Humble dwelling
- 72—Kind of cheese
- 74—Country house
- 75—To roll up, as a sail
- 76—Depart
- 77—Divan

VERTICAL

- 1—Forms
- 2—Appendage
- 3—To free
- 4—Comparative suffix
- 5—Cleanse by hard rubbing
- 6—Martinet
- 7—Aromatic vegetable substance
- 8—British island near Canada (abbr.)
- 9—Ager
- 10—Quill-like bird
- 11—Longer for
- 14—High naval officer (abbr.)
- 15—A high hill (abbr.)
- 16—Parfury
- 19—Division of a state (abbr.)
- 22—Parsive

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 24—Prefix meaning "through"
- 25—Frame for training vines
- 28—Recording Secretary (abbr.)
- 29—Empire State (abbr.)
- 31—Treachery to the state
- 32—Narrow fissure
- 34—A willow
- 35—Rabbits
- 37—Unreasoning fear
- 40—To plead
- 41—To compensate
- 42—Blackness spread
- 43—Solemn promise
- 45—Exclamation
- 51—Toward
- 53—Child
- 54—Kitchen utensil
- 55—Restrain
- 57—Nearing looks
- 58—Become dim
- 60—Country of Asia (abbr.)
- 64—To wit
- 65—Tiny hole
- 67—Pouch
- 69—Southern State of U. S. (abbr.)
- 70—Proposed
- 71—Quash
- 73—Mother
- 75—A defensive work (abbr.)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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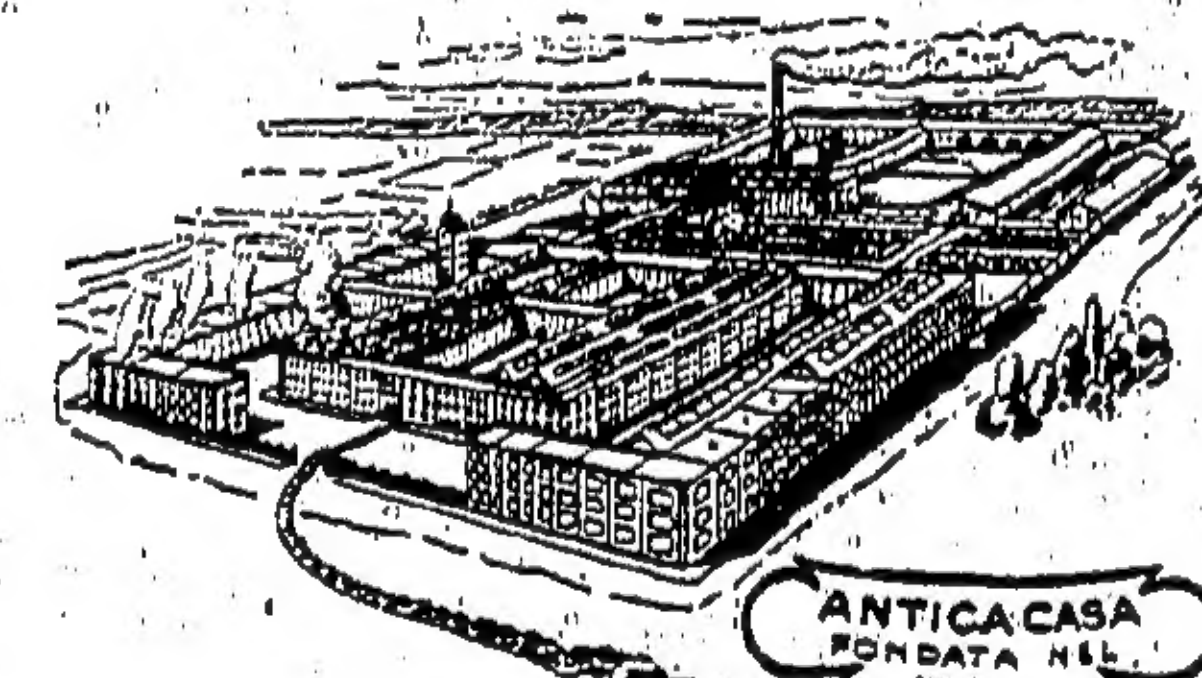
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Permission has now been obtained from the Commissioner at Pakkai for the "On Lee" to make a trial excursion to-morrow. It is not known whether cargo can be carried.

Trips to Macao.

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YARROW & CO., LTD.**DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR PAST YEAR.**

The directors, in their report for the year ended June 30, state that the profit for the period, after deduction of debenture interest and depreciation, is \$11,729. To this falls to be added \$2,750 brought forward, making an available balance of \$14,479. Out of this the directors recommend the payment of a dividend of 7½ per cent. for the year, which will absorb \$11,250, leaving \$3,229 to be carried forward.

During the year the shipyard and engine works have been fairly occupied, but the business has been adversely affected by the depressed condition of the industry generally, accentuated by the deplorable dispute in the coal industry. In addition to the torpedo boat destroyer Ambuscade building for the British Admiralty, and now nearing completion, the company have been successful in obtaining the contract for four river gunboats for the British Admiralty, which vessels are now in course of construction. Four torpedo boat destroyers are being built in Holland for the Dutch Navy to the company's designs and with their technical assistance.

A number of Yarrow boilers have been successfully completed during the year for different electric power stations and other purposes both at home and abroad. One noteworthy feature has been the supply of high-pressure Yarrow boilers for the steamer "King George V." The company have made arrangements with various firms for the manufacture by them of high-pressure Yarrow boilers under licence. The buildings, plant, and machinery have been well maintained, and the shareholders will notice with satisfaction the low figure at which they appear in the balance-sheet. In accordance with the articles of association, Mr. W. W. Marrison retires from the board, and being eligible, offers himself for re-election. The auditors, Messrs. James Fraser and Sons, retire, and being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

"SUNNING" PIRACY TRIAL.

The "Sunning" piracy trial resumed at 11 a.m. to-day but there was no incident of outstanding interest up to the hour of going to press.

At the resumed hearing yesterday afternoon, the Crown Solicitor called the other two quartermasters, who gave evidence with regard to the activities of the pirates while they, the witnesses, were on duty on the bridge.

The last witness called was one of the 2nd class cabin boys. Witness told the Court how he concealed a quantity of jewellery entrusted to his care by Mrs. Anderson, a previous witness, and how he was compelled to reveal it to the 1st. accused at the point of a pistol.

Cross-examined by Mr. M. K. Lo, witness agreed that there were two passengers in cabin No. 16. Witness said that he saw the 8th. accused examining the ship's manifesto, but would not be prepared to swear that he actually took any part in the piracy.

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EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Feb. 16	Feb. 19	Feb. 22	Feb. 25	Feb. 28	Mar. 3
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 21	Mar. 24
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Mar. 30	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 11	Apr. 14
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 2	May 5
EMPRESS OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 23	May 26
EMPRESS OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 13	June 16
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	June 23	June 26	June 29	July 2	July 5	July 8
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NYANZA	7,023	5th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MALWA	10,341	8th Jan.	Marseilles, London
KALIAN	9,144	22nd Jan.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hall
DEVANHA	9,144	24th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MOREA	10,318	5th Feb.	Marseilles, London
DETA	8,097	18th Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KASHMIR	9,005	19th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hall
NELLORE	8,852	2nd March	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MANTUA	10,002	5th March	Marseilles, London
KASHGAR	9,005	12th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & R'dam
NYANZA	7,023	18th March	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MONGOLIA	10,563	19th March	Marseilles, London
MACEDONIA	11,120	2nd April	Marseilles, London
DEVANHA	8,155	9th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KARMALA	9,128	16th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
DETA	8,097	27th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
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TAKADA	6,549	31st Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
ARAFURA	6,000	4th Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
MOREA	10,318	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DEVANHA	8,155	7th Jan.	Shanghai & Kobe
TILAWA	10,000	12th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
NAGPORE	5,233	15th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHGAR	9,005	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DETA	8,097	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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Mr. P. A. S. Franklin, President of the International Mercantile Marine Co., arrived at Southampton in the White Star liner "Homer," from New York, on one of his periodical trips.

In an interview, Mr. Franklin, asked whether any immediate developments were likely in regard to the report of a 60,000-ton ship for the White Star Line to run with the "Majestic" (55,561 tons), said: "As far as the 60,000-ton ship is concerned, we do not know her as that. I am just over for a business trip, and all that I can tell you is that the White Star Line is unquestionably going ahead with plans for a big ship. The company is not content to stay where it is, but is going to rush ahead, and the prospect for shipping business generally is better. There is, in my opinion, a distinct improvement in the situation."

In reply to a series of questions put to him, Mr. Franklin added: "The new vessel will be larger than the one on which you are standing, the 'Homer,' 34,556 tons, in fact it will be larger than the 'Olympic' (46,330 tons), but whether it will reach the size of the 'Majestic' I am not prepared to say; that remains to be seen. The situation at the moment is that the size and plans are still under consideration, but I can tell you that the order will be placed in the very near future, although possibly not while I am on this side of the Atlantic."

I can state definitely that Messrs. Harland and Wolff, Ltd., of Belfast, who have built all the previous vessels of the White Star Line, will be given the contract. In reply to another question, Mr. Franklin said he could not make any statement whatever on the reported transfer of the Holland-American liner "Statendam" to the Red Star Line where it would run on the Antwerp Southampton service with the "Belgenland."

LUCK FOR TYNE.

SINGAPORE FLOATING DOCK.

The order for the huge Singapore floating dock, estimated to cost over £1,200,000, was officially received by Messrs. Swan, Hunter and Wigham Richardson, Ltd., Wallasey. The work will create a considerable amount of employment on Tyne, where the shipbuilding prospects are now much brighter, with Messrs. Palmers' Shipbuilding and Iron Co., Jarrow, booking an order for a new cruiser and several other orders coming to the river.

The steamer "Patras," built for the Koninklijke Paketvaart Maatschappij of Amsterdam, was successfully launched recently from one of the slipways of the Rotterdam Drydock Co.

Decisions of importance for the Far East regarding the improvement of steamship communications between Great Britain, India, and Australia have been taken by the Imperial Conference. The object is to speed up passenger and cargo traffic, and it will be found that the Governments concerned are prepared financially to assist the scheme.

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TEAPOT DOME CHARGES.

Washington, Dec. 23.

The Supreme Court of District Columbia has rejected an application on behalf of the former Secretary of Interior, Albert B. Fall, and the oil millionaire, Harry Sinclair, for quashing the indictment in connection with the leasing of the Teapot Dome oil reserves to Sinclair in view of the Government's failure to convict Fall and the oil magnate E. L. Doheny on a similar charge last week.

The defendants were then arraigned. They pleaded not guilty.—Reuter.

A Congressional investigation was held three years ago into the conditions under which oil lands in Wyoming and California, which had been set aside by Congress as a fuel oil reserve for the U.S. Navy, had been transferred from the Navy Department to the Department of the Interior, and then by Mr. Fall, the former head of that department, to the Sinclair and Doheny oil interests. The Sinclair concern, being the millionaire owner of Zev, the famous race-horse.

Evidence was given during the inquiry of substantial financial assistance having been given, by both Doheny and Sinclair to the Minister and others connected with him. The leases were eventually cancelled by a vote of the Senate.

CHURCH NOTICES.

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ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, HONG KONG.

Christmas Day.

Holy Communion 7 a.m.

Holy Communion (Choral) 8 a.m.

Celebrant: The Lord Bishop of London.

Matsins 11 a.m. Preacher: The Lord Bishop of London.

Holy Communion 12 Noon.

December 26th, 1926.

St. Stephen's Day, Sunday After Christmas.

Holy Communion (8 a.m.)

Matsins (11 a.m.)

Preacher: Rev. H. C. Thomas, Chaplain to the Bishop of London.

Liturgy for the Sick (12 noon).

Evangelist (8 p.m.) Preacher: Rev. H. C. Thomas, Chaplain to the Bishop of London.

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Sunday after Christmas Day.

8.15 Holy Communion.

11 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon. Preacher: The Lord Bishop of London.

2.45 Young People's Service.

6 p.m. Evening Prayer and Carol Service. Preacher: Rev. W. W. Rogers, M.A.

Messrs. Cammell, Laird and Co., Birkenhead, have received an order from Messrs. Chambers and Co., Liverpool, on behalf of the Lancashire Shipping Co., for two vessels of 9,000 tons deadweight, fitted with Diesel engines. The vessels are intended for the New York and Far Eastern trade.

RALPHS' SHIELD.

WON BY KING'S COLLEGE DIVISION.

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1926 competition for the Ralphs' (inter-division) Shield was held on Dec. 12 and 19.

The judges were Lt.-Col. S. Boylan-Smith, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.D., R.A.M.C., Major Stevenson, R.A.M.C., Dr. Milward and Dr. W. B. A. Moore, acting District Surgeon.

Points gained (a) for drill on Dec. 12 and (b) for first aid on Dec. 19 were:—

1st—King's College: 229 and 342, total 571 points.

2nd—Y.M.C.A.: 221 and 342, total 563 points.

3rd—Kowloon: 180 and 281, total 461 points.

4th—Indian: 192 and 268, total 460 points.

The Shield is accordingly awarded to the King's College Division.

The work in all Divisions was worthy of great praise.

MARINES' LANDED.

Washington, Dec. 23.

The State Department has announced that American bluejackets have been landed in the district of the Rio Grande in Nicaragua, to protect American life and property.—Reuter's American Service.

LORD GLANELY'S NEW SHIPS.

Lord Glanely, in connection with his shipowning firm, has placed orders for steamships with various shipbuilders on the Clyde and the North-East Coast amounting in all to about 40,000 tons. He tells a London journalist that he still adheres to the coal burning type of vessel rather than the oil-burning class, and believes that coal can still hold its own in this respect.

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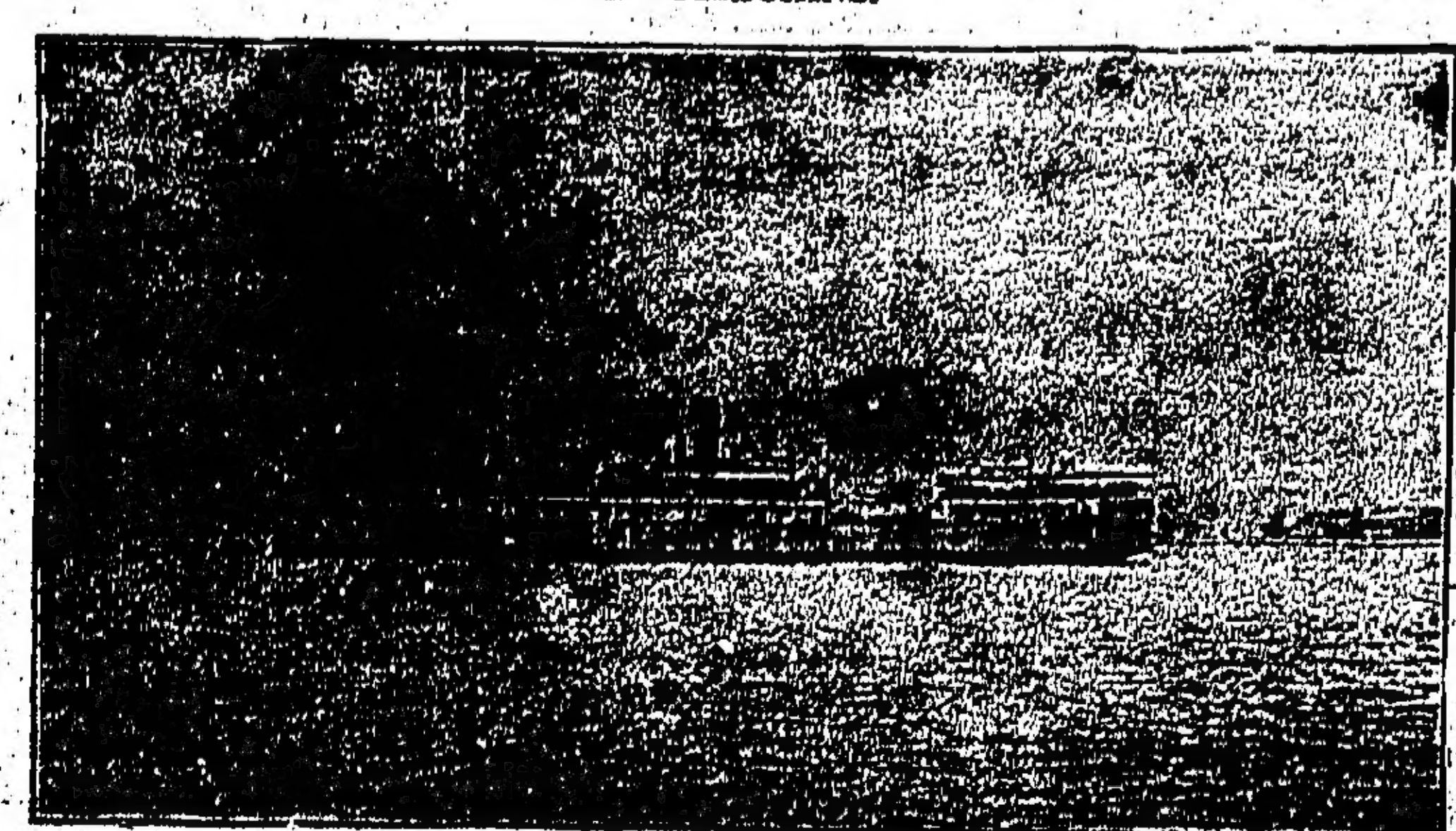
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Strand, W.C.2.**BIRTH.****SMITH.**—On November 16, at
Highlands, Seaford, Sussex, to
Maud, wife of Norman Lock-
hart Smith, Civil Service, Hong
Kong, a daughter.**MARRIAGE.****SNEYD-MILLER.**—On November
18, at the Chapel of the Savoy,
Colonel Ralph Sneyd, D.L., of
Keele Hall, Staffs, to Dorothy
Charlotte, eldest daughter of
Dr. and Mrs. Ralph S. Miller,
formerly of Kobe.**DEATHS.****ALLARD.**—On November 14, at
The Hermitage, Kilminster,
East Devon, Clarissa Mary,
wife of John Hayward Allard.
GIBSON.—On November 15,
Charles Leathes Gibson, late
of Federated Malay States,
aged 74.**CHRISTMAS.**At Xmas more than any other
time, those separated from their
families feel their loneliness. But
in Hong Kong, distance from
one's native land affords a com-
mon bond which leads to the
breaking down of reserves which,
unfortunately, at other times tend
to mar perfect social relation-
ships. The greeting of Xmas is
to be found in the heart of each
of us and if the response is not
forthcoming it is the fault of the
individual rather than that of the
season, just as it was the fault of
Scrooge when he failed to appre-
ciate the glories of Xmas until
brought face to face with his own
pitiable self. There is no reason
why, to each and all, Xmas andthe coming New Year seasons
should not be times of happy cele-
bration significant of the begin-
ning of a new contest against fac-
tors which would prevent us from
giving fuller expression to our-
selves. There is no reason,
either, why fresh faith and hope
should not be engendered in the
individual as in the Colony, to be
rewarded by a period of extended
happiness and prosperity such as
we have never known before."For this," says one of our
well-known traditional carols, "is
Christmas Eve." Hallowed with a
thousand tender recollections;
reverenced as only old religious
associations are reverenced;
loved for its kindness; cherished
for its reminiscences of Home
—that is the Christmas season.
It is in the old, old spirit that we
think of it to-night. The beauti-
ful old traditions return in all
their freshness. The old pic-
tures spring up instinct with life
and love and the happiness, may-
be, of days long since passed
away. Christmas eve lies on the
very threshold of the season of
sociality. Who for the moment
can doubt this as he wends his
way to-day through the crowded
footpaths of our main thorough-
fares? Bands of young people
are to be met with. Whole
families are to be seen; fathers
and mothers with their happy
children. Just as in the Home
country, so also in this far away
spot, the spirit of Christmas, the
atmosphere of festivity, pervades
the air this evening. Here in
Hong Kong we may possibly in-
dulge ourselves in a *consortium
aux pids d'heronelles* or some-
thing similar, but as long as it
is served hot with a *soupeon* of
laughter and bonhomie, it will
serve as well as if it were a more
substantial oxtail, or *creme de
la reine*.Whatever we eat, wherever we
dine, we shall all be reminded
of the fact that "Christmas
comes but once a year, and when
it comes, it brings good cheer."
Of the viands to follow, of the
roast beef of old England, of the
turkey and ham, and of the pud-
dings of all ples, let no man speak.
But for the proper digestion,
various accompaniments are re-
quired. There must be a sur-
rounding of greenery with the
bright red berries of our old time
holly. There must be the Chris-mas atmosphere filled with that
essence of "peace on earth, good-
will towards men" which pertains
to the time. The holly leaves
must reflect from their glossy
surface the kindness of all
assembled hearts. Were there
so much as one single curmudgeon
of the reprobate Scrooge type,
the berries would instantly grow
dull, the gloss would instantly
disappear from the evergreens,
the mistletoe would turn a sickly
hue so as to repulse rather than
attract attention to the beautiful
wax-like berries which, as every-
one knows, is the express botani-
cal object of the plant's selec-
tion for Christmastide. Those
untuned to the scene must at all
costs be banished from it. Where
the true Christmas spirit is,
there is just as much happiness,
and probably quite as much
jollity and merriment as there is
in the mansion of the million-
aire or the palace of the prince.
"A dinner of herbs where love
is," that is the true type of
Christmas dinner. May such be
found within the home of each
of our readers, to whom, one and
all, we wish the old, old wish, A
MERRY CHRISTMAS.**CORRESPONDENCE.****THE DIOCESAN SCHOOLS.**(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir,—It has been the custom
for many years past to devote the
collections on Christmas Day to
the Diocesan Schools and Or-
phanages. In view of the pre-
sence of the Lord Bishop of
London it is expected that the
congregation will include many
who are not regular attendants
at the Cathedral, and I shall be
glad if you will afford me the
hospitality of your columns to
explain briefly the purposes to
which the collection will be put.The Diocesan School was
founded in 1860 and the Orphan-
age added in 1868, principally in
order to meet the problem of
caring for destitute Eurasian and
British children. Subsequently
the foundation was divided into
separate Boys and Girls Schools,
but a joint appeal for funds is
made annually by the two gov-
erning Committees. Contributions
to the fund are especially ear-
marked for the maintenance of
orphans, some of whom pay re-
duced fees, but most of whom can
obtain no support from friends
or relatives. The cost of main-
tenance, which includes clothing
in addition to education and
board, amounts to considerably
more than the annual subscrip-
tions, so that the profits made
by the Schools from full paying
scholars have to be drawn upon
to make up the deficiency. The
income of both schools has been
affected by the circumstances of
the past eighteen months, but the
number of orphans has remained
unchanged and therefore the
cost of the orphanage side of the
schools has risen proportionately.
Both Schools have earned a
high reputation and are proud of
the many orphans who in after
life have proved themselves use-
ful members of the community.
The excellent work done by the
schools deserves support and it
is hoped that the congregation
at the Cathedral on Christmas
Day will contribute generously to
the efforts.—Yours, etc.,
P. S. CASSIDY,
Hon. Treasurer,
St. John's Cathedral,
Hong Kong, Dec. 23, 1926.**THE HELPING HAND.****Powers and China's
Troubles.****SENATOR BORAH'S APPEAL.**American Paper's Reasoned
Comment.Senator Borah's appeal, made in
a speech at Washington, for the
maintenance of strict justice toward
the people of China, and his warn-
ing to the powers against any im-
perialistic attitude toward that
sorely distressed nation, are quite
characteristic of the man, and are
full of truths which it were well for
the more powerful nations of the
world to heed, writes the "Christian
Science Monitor" (Boston). Per-
haps if there is a point of weakness
in the Senator's position, it is that
he has not laid quite enough stress
upon the difficulties of the situation
as it exists, nor perhaps has he
adequately pointed out all the re-
sults that might follow from the
policy of complete "hands off"
which he advocates.

SEN WILLIAM E. BORAH

China to-day, so far as its
Government is concerned, is in an
absolutely chaotic condition. If
the other nations of the world
sought to become imperialistic, as
Senator Borah apprehends, they do
not know to whom in China they
could present their demands nor
against what power they could
launch an ultimatum, with any cer-
tainty of reaching a point of final
authority. Three or four military
chieftains are struggling by force
of arms, to secure control. Often
when one succeeds in a certain dis-
trict his lieutenant revolts against
him and another war lord is added
to the list. Practically the only
places in which life and property,
even Chinese life and property, are
safe are in the treaty ports under
the authority of the various nations
whose retirement from China is
now demanded by alleged spokes-
men of the Chinese people.**Justice to China.**In a certain sense China to-day
resembles Europe just as the latter
country was emerging from medie-
valism. Its people have no cen-
tral and final authority to look to
for their protection or direction.
But in innumerable groups they
render allegiance to local chief-
tains, who in turn give fealty to
others higher up. The great mass
of the people are wearily and in-
dustriously toiling to keep them-
selves alive, indifferent in the main
to the quarrels of the chieftains, ex-
cept as the agents of these poten-
tates descend upon them with de-
mands for service or for loot.
Europe worked itself out of medie-
val conditions by centuries
of slow upward striving.
There were then no exterior
forces which could attempt to
hasten the solution of the European
problem either by intervention or
by moral influence. But the ques-
tion must occur to every observant
thinker, whether twentieth centurycivilisation cannot cope with such
anarchy in a single country more
effectively than it was dealt with
in the dark ages.Justice to China is what all right-
thinking people will desire, but whe-
ther it is justice for those having
possible healing methods at their
command to permit the frightful
epidemic of oppression and out-
lawry to go unchecked may well be
questioned. Abstract justice per-
haps would suggest that the neigh-
bours permit the members of an im-
temperate family to fight out their
own quarrels, even though they and
by the firing of the house and the
destruction of its inmates, but
modern civilisation rather demands
that the police should be summoned.**Making Treaty Ports Safe.**It may be admitted that Europe
has in the past extorted from China
many concessions which would not
have been asked of her had she
been less philosophically indifferent
to the things which Western civil-
isation values, and had she develop-
ed her military power as has, for
example, Japan. But when com-
plaint is made that the best ports
of China are controlled by foreign-
ers, it seems fair to ask what was
the condition of those ports when
thus taken over, and how great has
been the expenditure of treasure
and of effort on the part of the
treaty powers in bringing them to
their present position. It is claim-
ed that great numbers of Chinese
live in the treaty ports, free from
the authority of their own Govern-
ment, but let us not forget that they
sought this refuge in order to be
assured of peace and protection,
and that the authority of their own
Government is at the present mo-
ment inadequate to maintain peace
and order in the territories which
are Chinese wholly. It is com-
plained that the Chinese are
not permitted either to fix
the amount of their customs
duties or to administer them. It
would be difficult at the present
moment to select an authority in
China capable of either administer-
ing the customs or of expending the
receipts therefrom if the powers
should relinquish the task.**Good Example.**The problem of China is not to be
settled by quoting political shib-
boleths like "local self-govern-
ment," or "self-determination," or
"imperialism." Neither, in our
judgment, is it going to be settled
by that armed intervention which
Senator Borah seems to fear, but
which we have never heard urged.
Nor will it be hastened by the sur-
render of such footholds as Western
civilisation already has in Chinese
territory. Rather it is likely to be
advanced by the example which
those outposts furnish of good gov-
ernment, and protection of life and
property. While the plea for "jus-
tice and fair play to the Chinese" is
worthy of respectful attention and
applause, it is well to remark
that the solution of the problem
necessarily involves methods as
yet untested. It would be simple
enough for the powers to main-
tain their treaty ports, draw a wall
of non-intercourse around China as a whole,
and let the rival military chieftains
fight out their quarrel to the point
of extermination, but it would be
a melancholy confession of the im-
potence of our modern civilisation.
It would be a sorry evidence of the
failure of Christianity to attain its
highest influence if the civilized
world could bring to bear no more
helpful an attitude than this.**SIGNALLING.****H.M.S. "VINDICTIVE" HEADS
LIST.**For the second quarter in suc-
cession, H.M.S. "Vindictive,"
Captain Ronald Howard, station-
ed in China, takes first place in
order of merit of H.M. ships for
the number of successful exer-
cises in signalling with merchant
vessels. She had the almost
"record" total for the quarter
ended June 30 last of 185, where-
as in the March quarter she was
top ship with 85. The "Coventry,"
Mediterranean, was second in the
June quarter—details of which
practices are now announced by
the Admiralty—with 62; the
"Cairo," East Indies, third with
59; the "Clematis," Red Sea,
fourth with 58; and then the
"Hawkins," China flagships, and
the "Emerald," East Indies, tie
with 48 exercises each. The total
for the quarter was 1,115, as
compared with 1,321 for the pre-
vious quarter. There were 22
failures to establish communica-
tion, as against 25.On the mercantile side, the
British India Co.'s vessels were
again first with 81 successful
exercises, but the P. and O. ships,
with 87, were ousted from second
place by the Ocean Steamship
Co. (14), which was formerly
fifth. The E. and O. line comes
third, the British Tanker Co. and
the Ellerman Lines tying for
fourth place with 69 exercises
each. Details of the tests show
that all methods of communica-
tion were tried, flags, flashing
signals, and radio.**TWO WELL-KNOWN FAMILIES UNITED.**

Photo by Yang Hong.

Group photo taken after the wedding at the Church of Christ in China
of Mr. William W. L. Ma, eldest son of Mr. Ma Ying-shan (managing
director of the Bankers Co., Ltd.) and Miss Ruby H. Y. Ho, daughter of Mr.
D. Jackson (manager of the W. O. Co., Ltd.). In the group are the Rev.
E. W. Morris (who officiated) and many leading residents among the
Chinese community who attended as guests of relatives.

CHINA'S REDS.

Violent and Bitter Speeches.

HANKOW MEETING.

Hankow, Dec. 21.
A meeting was held last night, attended by 3,500 delegates from many associations both civil and military.

The platform was occupied by representatives of every section of the Canton Government, seven of whom spoke, including Mr. Borodin, Mr. Hu Chien, Mr. Sun Fo, and Madame Sun Yat-sen.

M. Borodin expressed the opinion that the revolution was half through, but that the half remaining was the most important. It was the overthrow of the British and their ally Chang Tse-ling and the Fengtien party. When this was accomplished the country would be peaceful and prosperous.

He said that he had come to give his assistance towards the accomplishment of the purpose.

The most violent speech of the evening was made by Sun Fo who said: "Many believe the British are friends of China. This is a mistake. For decades they have played off one Chinese party against another and continued to stir up strife every time the Chinese people made a step towards gaining freedom."

"Sweet Words."
Their Minister has been here with sweet words, but his heart is sour. The British are working behind our backs in order to destroy us. The only way to combat this is:

Firstly to complete the boycott of everything British. This must not only apply to purchasing goods but all branches of industry.

The British are dependent upon Chinese assistance for ninety per cent. of their business. That assistance must be withdrawn, from the people who unload the ships to the agent or compendore who purchases their export cargo.

Secondly, the British have constantly perpetrated acts of atrocity, and forced themselves on China owing to our ancestors' fear of them. We of the Kuomintang have no such fear, and are resisters of this wanton aggression. All people must be ready to act with us at the next, insult offered us by the British and the labourers and the army must combine to drive them out from the country.

Thirdly the object of this meeting was to explain that we have arranged with our brothers in India and other places of which the British do not dream, to rise with us when we give the signal. When that signal comes their vaunted King will be in the same position as ours. All other kings will follow and our work, which is the revolution of the world's workers, will be accomplished.

The Political Bureau contributed \$12,000 for anti-British propaganda work and the furtherance of the plans of the boycott.—Ruter.

XMAS MATINEE.

AUDIENCE'S ENTHUSIASM YESTERDAY.

M.C.L. EFFORT SUCCESS.

A large and appreciative audience witnessed the second presentation yesterday afternoon at the City Hall of the delightful programme of character songs and dances, shadow pictures and the excellently staged pantomime "On Zephyr's Wings" in which the haunting music from the Peer Gynt Suite combined with the charm of the younger players, the reasonable stage settings and the acting of the elders (Miss Birkett was particularly good as the Princess Gracieluse) to an Xmas programme worthy of some of the best performances at Home.

The Ministering Children's League should benefit very considerably as a result of the thorough work of those directing and taking part in these Matinees. They gave a deservedly enthusiastic ovation on the conclusion of the performance.

Rugby, Dec. 23.—The two Hercules aeroplanes for the Cairo-Karachi air service left Malta for Home this morning. After a brief half for luncheon they will proceed later in the day to Benghazi, and their subsequent course to Cairo will be via Sollum and Aboukir.—British Wireless Service.

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LOCAL CHINESE WEDDING.



Photo By Ying Ming.

At the Hong Kong Hotel roof garden last Sunday, after the wedding of Mr. Lam Ming-tun (secretary of the Kowloon Motor Bus Co., Ltd.) and Miss Ng Nanying, the daughter of a well-known Canton merchant.

COLONY'S MONEY.

WEMBLEY LOSS LESS THAN \$25,000.

LOCAL P.W.D. ERROR.

At the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council meeting yesterday, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock asked with regard to the loss on copper coins vote whether the Chairman (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn) did not think it was unusual for the cost of coinage to exceed its nominal face value.

The Chairman said that the present time the Government was engaged in correspondence with the Crown agents to see how the cost of copper coinage could best be reduced so as to bring its actual cost value below its face value.

In reply to questions by other Unofficial members regarding a vote for the British Empire Exhibition, the Chairman said that the sum of \$100,000 made on Trading Account consisted of an advance to stallholders. It was repayable and had in fact, nearly all been paid back. Members must remember that in the second year the enterprise had been purely a Government one and goods had had to be purchased in advance.

It was also indicated that it was anticipated that less than the \$25,000, which was the original estimate of the cost to Hong Kong of participation in the Wembley scheme, would be spent and that it was the intention of the Government to issue a report.

3 Years Old.

The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang referred to \$7,500 excess for which a supplementary supply was asked for in respect of Port Works Extraordinary for extensions to reclamations not included in the original estimates.

Mr. Lang asked whether the cost of the 4,500 cubic yards in question could not have been ascertained in 1922-23 when the work was done.

The Director of Public Works said that it should have been but the omission was due to an error in getting out quantities and payments to the contractor. The officer concerned was called on for an explanation and had since left the Government service.

Referring to the vote of \$4,000 for Volunteer pay, the Chairman said that it was proposed to ask the Commandant to pay the allowances before the end of the year.

Those present at the meeting, in addition to the Chairman, were Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, (Colonial Treasurer), Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird, Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall and Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard.

H.K.V.D.C.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS THIS WEEK.

CHANGES IN STRENGTH.

Extracts from this week's orders for the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps (issued to-day) read:—

Artillery Company.

City and Taikoo Sections paraded at Headquarters on Tuesday, at 5.30 p.m.

All members should make a special effort to attend Camp: The Artillery Company will go into Camp, Tai Lam, for week-ends as under:—

7th to 9th January, 1927.

14th to 16th January, 1927.

Members will parade at the "Star" ferry pier, Kowloon, at 5.15 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 7, and Friday, Jan. 14. Transport will also be available on Sunday, Jan. 9 and 16, at 5 p.m. for return from Camp. Dress: Uniform, helmets, belts, bandoliers, haversacks, water-bottles, greatcoats, tunics, shorts, puttees and black boots.

Rifles and bayonets are not to be taken.

It is hoped that as many as possible will avail themselves of the opportunity of going out to Camp for the first and second week-ends. Members should send in their names to 2/Lt. N. L. H. Ralston by Dec. 31.

Reserve Company.

Musketry to be fired at "Stonecutters on Jan. 2 is cancelled. Musketry Course Part II will be fired at Stonecutters on Sunday, Jan. 9.

STRENGTH.

The following is taken on the strength, and posted to No. 7 Platoon (Scottish Co.)—Pte. E. M. Bryden.

Promotions & Appointments.

The following promotions and appointments take effect:—

Artillery Company: A/Bdr. C. W. Langley to be Sergeant; L/Sergt. J. M. Jack to be Sergeant. No. 2 Platoon: Pte. A. Urquhart to be Lance-Corporal.

Transfers.

The following transfers take effect: Pte. L. B. Warren from No. 1 Platoon to No. 2 Platoon; Pte. R. A. Cooper from No. 3 Platoon to No. 2 Platoon.

Reversion.

Corpl. A. C. Hillier, No. 2 Platoon, is permitted to revert to the rank of Private at his own request.

Resignations.

Spr. C. J. Woodhouse, Engineer Co., is permitted to resign on payment of \$20.

Pte. C. H. Montague, Armoured Car Co., is permitted to resign on leaving the Colony.

"SUNNING" PIRACY.

BRavery OF OFFICER'S PRAISED.

LONDON PAPER'S TRIBUTE.

The "Sunning" affair has again raised a demand for more effective protection of foreign shipping on China waters, says the "China Express and Telegraph" (London). Hong Kong, Shanghai and Peking join in the chorus for a determined joint effort by the Powers to root out the evil and make a beginning by "smoking out" the lair at Bias Bay, which seems to be the headquarters of the gang. According to records, the piracy of the "Sunning" makes the fourteenth ship which the pirates have attacked since October, 1923, when the steamer "Yuenwo" was captured and nearly 200 Chinese passengers kidnapped. These records show that five steamers were pirated in 1923, including one Japanese, one French, two British, and one Chinese. In 1924 four steamers were seized, viz., two British, one Chinese, and one Portuguese. The losses to shipping companies amount to many millions of dollars, while the loss of life totals nearly 100. One more Japanese vessel has suffered since the "Sunning". The reference to "smoking out" reminds us of a very successful operation carried out by the Portuguese on the pirate stronghold of Colowan about seventeen years ago, when, after a fruitless siege, the pirates were actually smoked out and captured, and some forty Macao schoolboys who had long been held for ransom were rescued. The pirates had a regular underground system of living and hiding on the island. For some time it was surrounded by troops and warships, who spent their ammunition in the vain hope that the pirates would surrender. This failing, the entrances to the caves were eventually plugged with matting and sulphur and fired. It was afterwards found that some of the younger pirates had escaped by swimming in the darkness, but that there were enough stores in the caves to have enabled the pirates to continue their warren existence and defy an ordinary siege for many months. It was all lost. One very praiseworthy feature of the "Sunning" affair was the bravery of the officers of the "Sunning" which, although it resulted in their ship being set on fire, as happened under similar circumstances to the "Tai On" some years ago, accounted for thirteen of the rascals being killed and the capture of a boatload of escapees. It is to be hoped that such bravery in the face of great odds will be handsomely rewarded.

NICARAGUA REVOLUTION.

Washington, Dec. 23.

The Senate adopted the resolution of Mr. Moses, directing the Foreign Relations Committee to enquire into American relations with General Diaz, President of Nicaragua, and asking for all diplomatic correspondence on the subject in recent months.

Specific information is designed in regard to the part played by Mexico in support of the opposition movement in Nicaragua headed by Dr. Sacasa, chief of the so-called Liberal Government established by revolutionaries at Puerto Cabezas.—Reuter's American Service.

WHY?

"GLOBE TROTTERS" AT THE STAR.

A JOLLY SHOW.

Hong Kong theatre-goers know Dick Norton as a first-class ballad singer, as a very funny comedian—perhaps at his best in an "Ernie Lotings" part—and as an all-round entertainer of no mean merit. At the Star Theatre, Kowloon, yesterday afternoon and evening, Dick revealed himself in a new light. Exceedingly funny as usual, he kept the house in roars of laughter in a new "silly ass" number which for want of a better title, may be called "Why?"

Partnered by the ever-popular Lella Forbes, who contributes a good deal towards a bright and up-to-date programme, Dick appears in a role which suits him up to the hilt. A succession of fatuous questions from Miss Forbes is responded to by equally fatuous answers from the inimitable Dick. Undoubtedly one of the best turns that Mr. and Mrs. Norton have presented to the Colony.

The more one sees of this admirable couple the more one is inclined to express a desire to see them cast against each other in a jolly good farce. The "China Mail" hears that Mr. Norton intends bringing out a number of recent London successes in about ten months' time. If he secures the Far East rights of one particular piece (which, a little bird whispers, he has applied for), he will have the Orient at his feet, for it contains a part in which not only will he personally revel, but in which he will have an opportunity of showing his many friends, that he is a far greater artist than some people may think.

"The Great Divide," by the way, is an excellent film. This, together with an up-to-date news reel and the all-too-short appearance of the Globe Trotters, constitutes a real holiday programme.... one which should not be missed.

WORLD THEATRE.

"THE THIEF OF BAGDAD" TO-DAY TO SUNDAY.

Good wine needs no bush, neither does a Fairbanks picture need much exploitation. In "The Thief of Bagdad" the athletic star has mixed up fairy tale and legend to create a spectacular triumph which will appeal to both young and old.

Those of us who saw it on its first run, will go and see it again. Those who have not seen it, should take the opportunity of doing so over the holidays.

We should like to take this opportunity also of calling attention to the orchestral accompaniment now provided at the World Theatre. During the past three months it has steadily improved and we consider it is now in line with that at the premier house.

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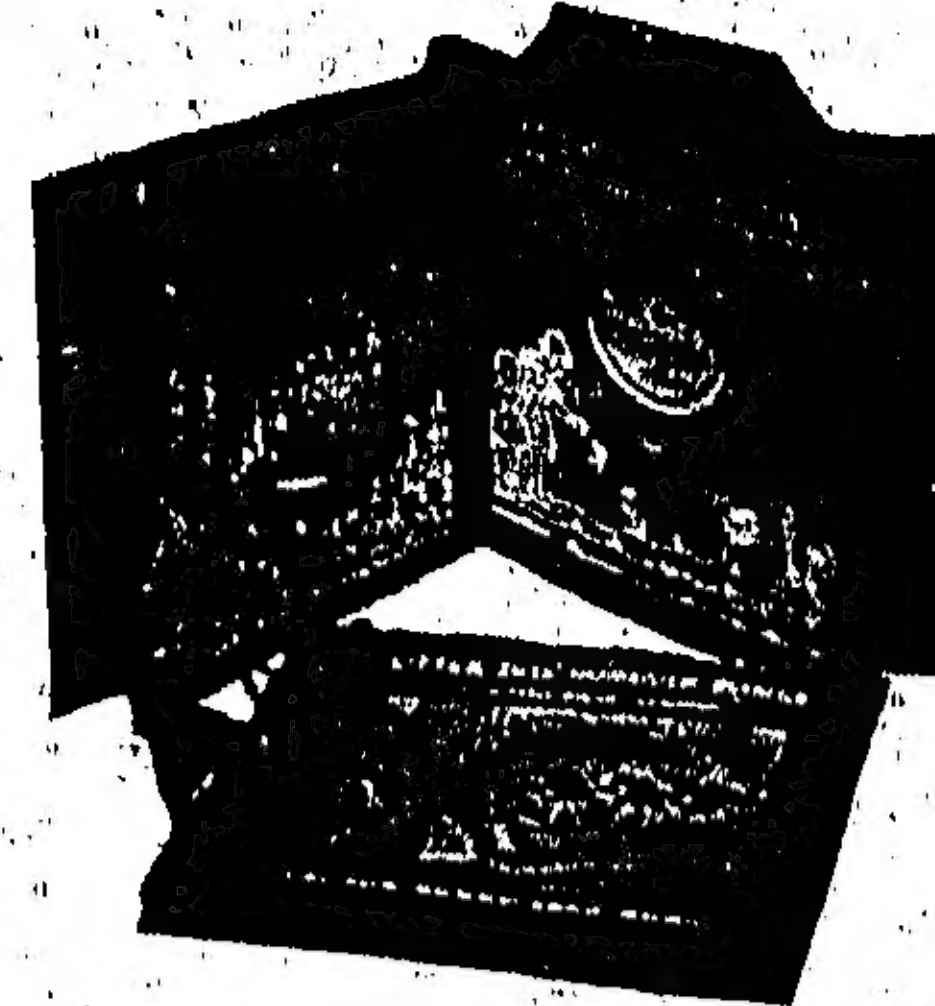
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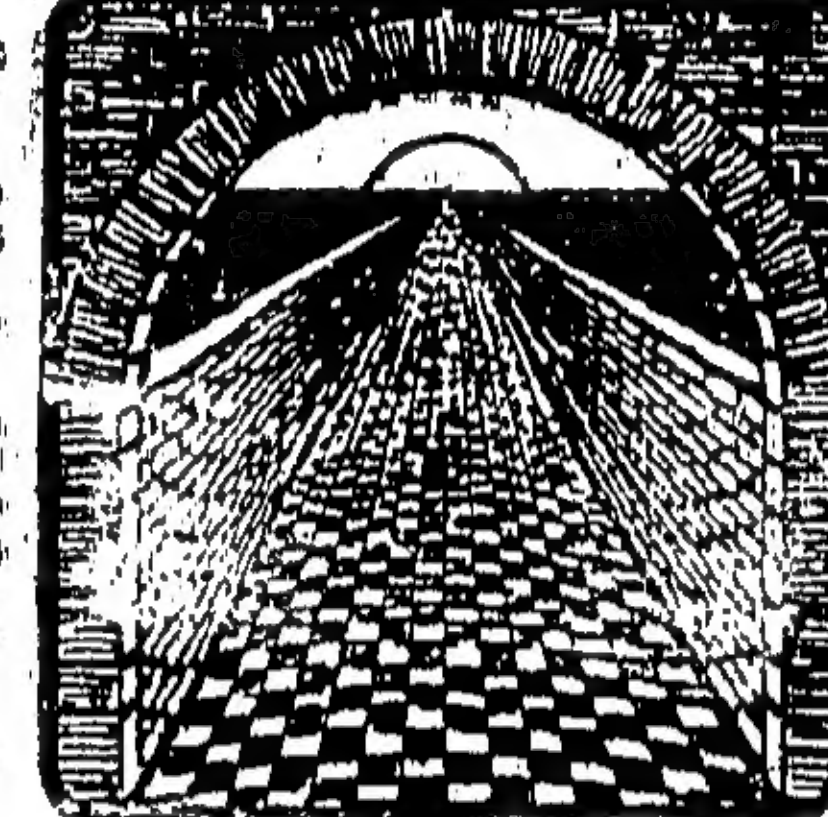
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2 qts. King George IV White Label or Perfection Whisky	1 qt. Burgundy
	1 phial Pomeranzen Bitters

No. 2 HAMPER—\$34.

1 qt. Guillemet Champagne	2 qts. Tawny Dry Port
1 pt. D.O.M.	2 qts. St. Julien Claret
1 qt. Burgundy	1 qt. Puritan Old Tom or Dry Gin
1 qt. Martell's XXX Brandy	Gin
2 qts. King George IV W.L. or Perfection Whisky	1 qt. Vino do Porto Sherry
	1 phial Pomeranzen Bitters

No. 3 HAMPER—\$30.

1 qt. Burgundy	1 qt. Engstrand's XXX Brandy
1 pt. Peppermint G.F.	1 qt. Amontillado Sherry
1 pt. D.O.M.	1 qt. Puritan Old Tom or Dry Gin
2 qts. Superior Rich Old Port	Gin
2 qts. King George IV White Label or Perfection Whisky	2 qts. Medoc Claret
	1 phial Pomeranzen Bitters

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'Varsity Graduate's Wedding.



Photo By Ying Ming.

Group taken at the Savoy Hotel last Saturday after the wedding of Dr. K. C. Cheng, M.B., B.S. (Hong Kong) and Miss Lu Yau, daughter of Mr. Yau See-chung, a retired merchant of Peru. The bride and groom were Miss Jaka Yau (bride's sister) and Miss Rose Yau (sister-in-law). Miss Olivia Yau (the bride's youngest sister) was flower girl. The bride was born in Peru. Dr. Cheng went to America and London for post-graduate courses after leaving the local University. The "best man" was Dr. S. N. Chan, who also returned from abroad.

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The Harbin-Mukden radio service will begin in January or February next under management of the Chinese Wireless Station. Broadcasting equipments as ordered from France, are being installed.

Horsedrawn vehicles may no longer run through the streets of Rio de Janeiro proper after January 1, 1927, if an ordinance now before the City Council is adopted. The proposed law applies both to handsome and commercial vehicles.

Military bank notes to the value of \$10,000,000 have been provided by General Chang Tsung-chang to be negotiable in the places under his control; but only thirty per cent. of the said notes will be acceptable when payment is made of taxes, revenues, railway and telegraphic charges, says the "Central China Post."

The Chinese papers in Hankow report that the better qualified policemen have been ordered by Chang Tsung-chang, Commissioner of the Hankow Peace Preserving Bureau, to be sent there from all branch stations to assume the duty of making investigations concerning families and for registering Hankow residents.

According to the "Shanghai Nippo," Mr. Magaoka, Japanese Vice-Consul, last Wednesday handed to Mr. Hsu Yuan, Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, \$3,000 as compensation for the death of the now famous Chen Ai-dong, who was alleged to have been killed by Japanese members of the crew of the "Manri Maru." The Nagasaki Court found two of the men guilty. Deceased's family will receive this money from the Chinese authorities.

The confusion among those, who attempted to take refuge by boat in the settlements from the war region after the Shanghai-Hankow railway line had been interrupted, was made more desperate by an armed robbery, which occurred when about 10 men, armed with hatchets, boarded one of the junks, occupied by a wealthy silk merchant of Kashi, in the vicinity of Shanghai. They removed the loot to their boat, lying alongside the junk, after which they walked off with a pleasing smile of thanks. According to the report made to the Water police office, the loss was estimated at \$1,500.

The Blue Funnel Line's distinctive calendar in the shape of a funnel has now been issued in Hong Kong.

There will be a Christmas Carol service and organ recital at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, at 6 p.m. on Sunday.

A Chinese criminal, handed over to the Chinese authorities by the Shanghai French police for murder and armed robbery, was executed at Lungwa aerodrome.

During the Christmas holidays, the "China Mail" will be published as follows:—to-morrow (Saturday) no issue; Monday (Boxing Day) at noon; Tuesday, as usual.

Monday is the Day of St. John the Apostle and Evangelist. Owing to December 26 being a Sunday this year, Boxing Day will be observed on Monday which is also a public (and bank) holiday.

Spreading rapidly from the first to the second floor, fire of undetermined origin, which broke out in a general merchandise store-room at 41 Kiang Road, Shanghai, for a time threatened nearby business houses and dwellings and was extinguished only after a stubborn battle by firemen. The contents of the store-room were badly damaged by fire and water.

Dispatches from Porto Praya, Cape Islands, said the Latoceros Aeroplane Company of France intends building a hydro-aeroplane base somewhere in the Archipelago to serve as an intermediate station between Dakar and Fernando Noronha for a proposed Paris-South American air line. M. Collet, representing the company, is said to have found the Port of St. Martin suitable for the purpose.

BISHOP'S DAIRY.

During the holidays the engagements of His Lordship the Bishop of London will be as follows:—

Saturday, 8 a.m., the Bishop will celebrate Holy Communion in St. John's Cathedral; 11 a.m. he will preach in the Cathedral.

Sunday, 11 a.m., the Bishop is due to preach at St. Andrew's, Kowloon; in the afternoon he will visit the Diocesan Girls' School and the Blind Home.

Monday: It is hoped to make arrangements for the Bishop to visit Canton.

Another big consignment of war materials for the use of the Allied Army, was sent from Shanghai to Nanking by order of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang on Dec. 7.

K. Tajima and K. Goto, who were transferred from Shanghai to the Nagasaki District Court for trial on a charge of uttering spurious bank notes, have been sentenced to six months' penal servitude.

A Chinese lawyer, charged at the Mixed Court, said: "I had to believe all my client had to tell me and I accepted his instructions without question." Counsel for the prosecution (Mr. N. A. Allman)—"No lawyer believes all that this client has to say." Accused—"I do." Mr. Allman—"Then you are an exception to the rule."

More than 10 lives were lost in a fire of unknown origin which destroyed 23 houses on December 8 at Kwangshao Road, Chapel, about a stone's throw from the Chinese Post Office. The damage was much aggravated, says the Shanghai "Daily News" by the high wind and great credit must be given to the firemen who resolutely fought the fire during the intense cold.

The latest development in local industrial circles is sufficient to make Li Hung-chang turn in his grave, says the "Daily News" (Shanghai). It appears that the employees in pawnshops, which the great Chinese statesman was supposed to have had under his sole control, have become affected by the floods of oratory and manifestoes and now are agitating for more pay, to the great distract of the "uncles."

A watchman, who worked for a tailor in the Ezra Building, Kiukiang Road, told Mr. G. W. King, O.B.E., Shanghai, in H.M. Police Court, that he did not know on which road he was employed. "Was it Nanking Road?" asked his Worship; the answer was in the negative. "Was it on Canton Road?" "I don't know," was witness's answer. Mr. Goldring, prosecuting, "Was it near the Cathedral?" "I don't know." His Worship (sharply) "Was it in Shanghai?" "Yes." "Well, now that we know that, on with the case."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

The Town Council of Bexhill has installed Sir Ernest Birch, K.C.M.G., as Mayor for the current year.

The Maharajah of Burdwan and his two sons visited the School of Oriental Studies, Finsbury-circus, on November 18.

Passengers who disembarked at Hong Kong this morning from the P. & O. "Khiva" (from Japan and Shanghai) were Miss R. Chisholm, Miss M. Salway, Mr. A. P. Stoner, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Wallace. There are many other passengers on board for Homeward ports, via Singapore.

The marriage of Mr. Henry Harley Clarke, dental surgeon, of Singapore, and Miss Norah Margaret Lindberg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Lindberg, of Durban, Natal, who recently arrived from home by the "Aeneas," was celebrated in the Presbyterian Church, the Rev. G. H. Douglas officiating in the presence of a large gathering of friends.

Mr. B. G. H. Johnson has been appointed to act as a member of the Penang Harbour Board, during the absence on leave of Mr. H. O. Mass, and Mr. M. D. Rutley has been appointed to act as a member of the Singapore Harbour Board, during the absence on leave of Mr. G. C. Clarke.

Mr. Henry Melville Simons, of Cadogan-gardens, Chelsea, S.W., chairman of Paterson, Simons and Co., London House, Crutched-frars, E.C.3, a director of the Alliance Assurance Co., Ltd., the Mercantile Bank of India, and of rubber and other companies, who died on September 16, left estate of the value of £180,528, with net personalty £177,253.

A well-known Liverpool ship-owner, of half a century ago passed away in the person of Captain Joseph Brown, who died at his residence in New Brighton in mid week night, in his 90th year. Until his retirement from business in 1914 Captain Brown was head of the late firm of Messrs. Joseph Brown and Son, shipowners and shipbrokers, of Presons' row, Liverpool, who controlled the Northfield Shipping Company.

Reminder: dinner and ball of the Chief and Petty officers of the China Squadron at the City Hall at 8.15 to-night; dancing till 2 a.m.

Mr. Edward L. Powell, for nearly 40 years with the Associated Press and for six years correspondent in Manila for that concern has resigned from the Associated Press and is to leave for Australia in a few days.

A British wireless message states that the death occurred yesterday at the age of eighty years of Sir Frank Forbes Adam, who played a conspicuous part in the commercial and public life of Bombay and later of Manchester.

The King's Exequatur empowering Mr. A. P. Cameron to act as Peruvian Consul, and Mr. Bernard Gotlieb to act as United States Consul, Singapore, and Mr. Samuel C. Ebling to act as United States Vice-Consul at Penang, have received His Majesty's signature.

CATHEDRAL WEDDING.



Photo By Ying Ming.

Mr. R. L. Reid and Miss Jean Vallance Fleming (sister of Mr. John Fleming) who were married at St. John's Cathedral last Saturday.

The marriage was solemnized in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore of Miss Aubrey Vivian Darwood and Mr. Alfred John Thorne.

Mr. S. Nakashima, Singapore Consul-General for Japan, returned to Singapore from Japan on Dec. 19, and resumed charge of the Consulate-General.

Sir Michael O'Dwyer, while bidding farewell to a friend on his own doorstep in London on November 25, the night of the fog, heard a woman calling for help, ran to her rescue and found the daughter of a neighbour struggling with an assailant who attempted to snatch her bag. Sir Michael O'Dwyer seized the man, who broke away, but was recaptured after a chase and taken into custody.

The St. Patrick's Society of Selangor held its annual general meeting at the Selangor Club, with Mr. Charlton Maxwell in the chair. It was stated in the committee's report that the membership had increased from 47 on January 1 to 82 on November 25. Mr. Charlton Maxwell proposed Mr. Hannigan as president for the coming year, and Mr. Gleeson seconded. The motion was carried. Lt.-Col. Meredith was elected Vice-President, and Mr. Gilham Browne hon. secretary. The following were elected to the committee: Mrs. Were, Messrs. Davidson, Dowse, Hobbs, O'Connell, Walters, and Morris.

The death of Mr. Robert Newman at the age of sixty-eight has made a gap in London music which it will be difficult to fill. He was Sir Henry Wood's close ally in the Promenade and Sunday concerts, for more than a quarter of a century, and that so little was known of the share he had in that great work was due to his self-effacement. The policy there adopted of "hastening slowly" was one which he thoroughly endorsed if he did not in part originate it. His combination of business talents with a musical training (at the Royal College) made his judgment not only valuable but authoritative. He was a man of few words, of unfailing courtesy, and of conspicuous loyalty.

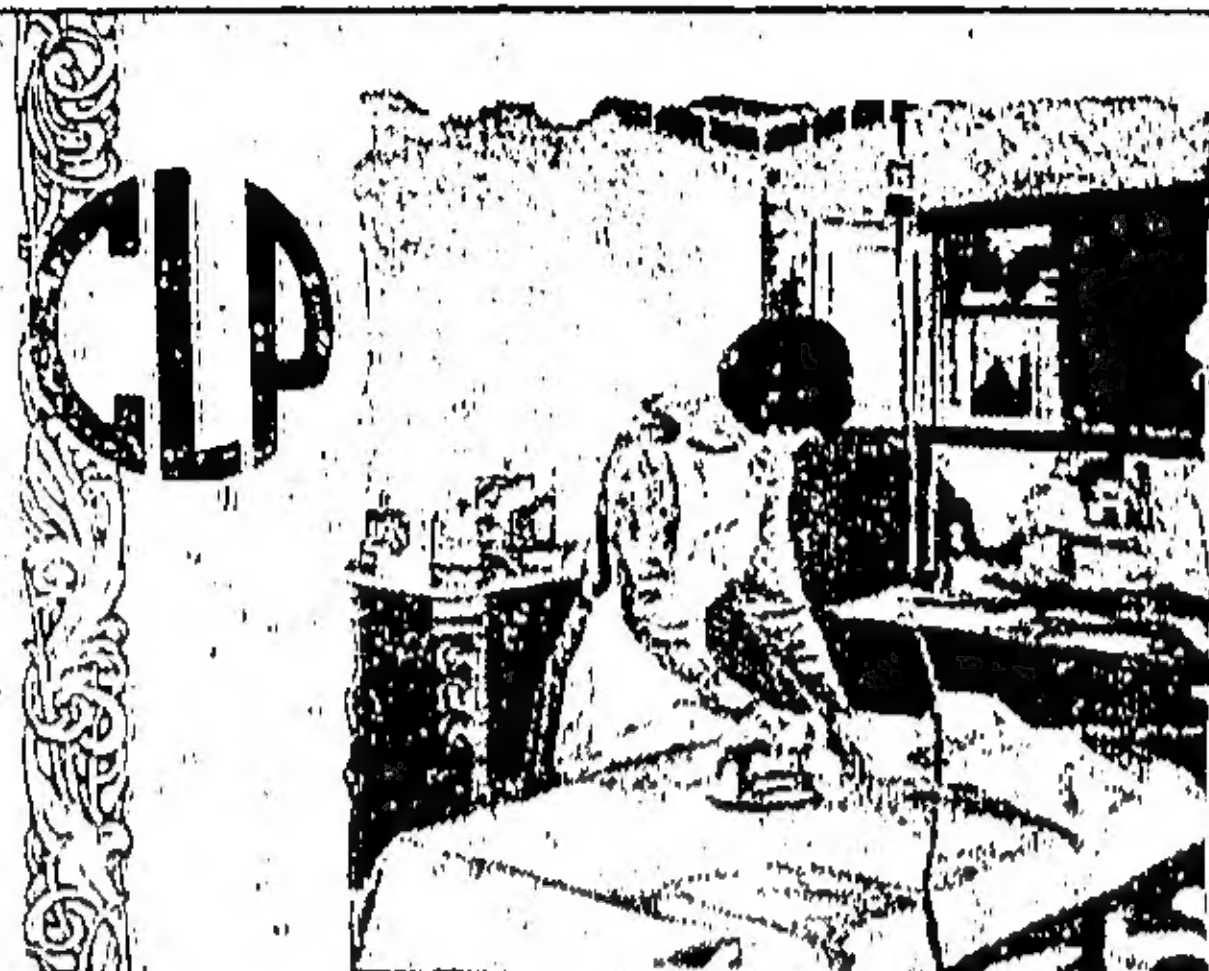
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"HERALD" CHARITY CUP INTERNATIONAL.

THIS SEASON'S TIES.

The first round (also called the semi-final) of the "Sunday Herald" International Football Cup for Charity is to be played during the Christmas holidays.

The draw is practically identical with that of last year when Portugal (at the first time of entry) went on to beat England in the final.

The season before, Scotland won a triangular competition from England and China.

To-morrow Portugal meet China and on Monday, England and Scotland contest the right of appearing in the final. Both matches will be on the Hong Kong Football Club ground, Happy Valley, kick-off at 3.45 p.m. Proceeds will be for charity, allotment to be made by the local Football Association.

Club de Recreio, the present senior league leaders, will furnish most if not all of the Portugal team. Chinese Athletic will figure largely in the China side and these two will have the advantage of combination. The same cannot be said of England and Scotland. The "Rose" seem to be stronger in the middle line and in the rearguard and, on paper, should dispose of the "Thistle."

At the top of their form, Portugal (the holders) should not be knocked out at the first time of asking but China will be all out to win. This tussle will attract the biggest crowd and may prove the best to watch.

TOMORROW'S MATCH.

The teams selected for to-morrow are:

China.

Bau Ka-ping (Athletic); Chan So (South China), Lai Yuk-tat (Athletic); Lam Yuk-ying (Athletic), Wong Shui-wa (Athletic), Ko Sik-wai (South China); Ng Kam-chuen (Athletic), Tso Kwai-shing (Athletic), Leung Wing-tak (South China), Suen Kam-shun (Athletic), Chan Kwong-fu (Athletic).

Portugal.

M. M. da Silva; W. C. Ogley, P. M. Xavier; C. F. Remedios, A. A. dos Remedios, H. C. Remedios; J. M. da Silva, A. P. Fuentres, A. Gesano, L. A. da Rocha, A. J. Brown (all of Club de Recreio); Reserves: L. A. Gomes, A. Ward (St. Joseph's College); Referee: Mr. Phillips. Linesmen: Mr. J. H. Lawrence and Mr. Omar.

MONDAY'S MATCH.

All selected, including the reserves, are asked to be present at the H.K.F.C. pavilion by 3.30 p.m. England will play in white, with the emblem in white on blue

ground. Scotland play in blue, with the emblem in white. Teams:

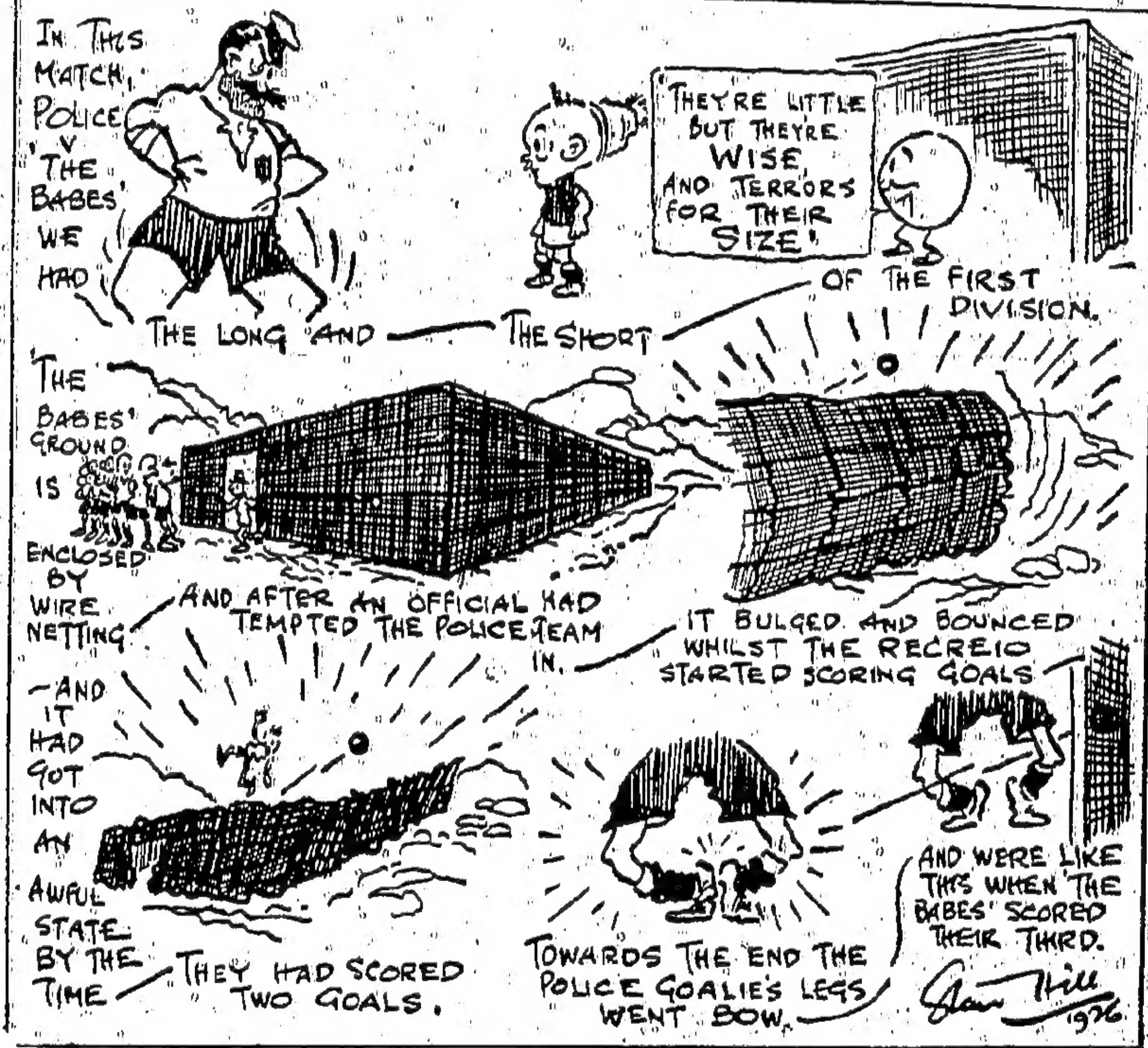
England: Avery (H.M.S. "Tamar"), Wynne (Police), Bishop (H.K.F.C.); Hudson (Police), Sims (Kowloon), Watson (H.K.F.C.); Taylor (H.K.F.C.), Pulford (Royal Artillery), Linaker (H.K.F.C.), Howard (H.K.F.C.), Hayes (Kowloon); Reserve: Brittain (Police).

Scotland: Rodger (H.K.F.C.), McBride (H.K.F.C.), Gerrard (H.K.F.C.); McKelvie (Kowloon), Stewart (H.K.F.C.), Farlow (H.M.S. "Titania"); Alexander (H.K.F.C.), Duncan (Kowloon), Orr (Kowloon), McGlinchey (Scottish Borderers), Rev. Alexander (Scottish Borderers); Reserves: Oram (Police), McGill (Borderers), Gardner (Borderers), Purvis (H.K.F.C.); Referee: Captain Austin. Linesmen: Mr. Lamb and Mr. H. McTavish.

No League Fixtures.

With representative soccer on there will hardly be any other match of importance. To-morrow, the European Y.M.C.A. is entertaining a Naval XI on the Kowloon F.C. ground. Local league soccer is temporarily suspended this week-end. Considerable progress has already been made with the fixtures, as will be seen in the tables below, but there must be no delay as the Interport with Shanghai will be played about the beginning of February and then there are the equivalent to the Cup-ties in the H.K.F.A. shield competition and other representative games in the Lat Wah Cup.

GLIMPSES OF LAST SATURDAY'S SOCCER.



Incidents in last Saturday's league soccer match at King's Park, in which Club de Recreio defeated the Police in the senior division. The 'Recreio' are the present leaders in the championship. They only 'won promotion' two seasons ago and, hence, are known as the 'babes of division I.'

Division I.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Club de Recreio	9	7	2	0	27	11	16
Hong Kong F.C.	8	5	1	2	12	8	11
Scottish Borderers	10	5	1	4	15	12	11
Royal Artillery	9	5	1	3	16	14	11
Chinese Athletic	10	3	5	2	16	19	11
Kowloon F.C.	10	4	2	4	19	12	10
H.M.S. "Tamar"	9	1	8	5	13	19	5
Police R.C.	8	1	2	5	6	17	4
South China A.A.	9	1	1	7	5	17	3

Division II "A."

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Borderers' Reserves	9	8	1	0	40	10	17
Chinese Athletic "A"	10	6	1	3	28	18	13
St. Joseph's College	10	5	1	4	25	13	11
Recreio Reserves	10	4	3	3	23	17	11
Kowloon Reserves	8	4	2	2	18	9	10
R.A. Reserves	8	5	0	3	15	10	10
H.K.F.C. Reserves	10	4	2	4	14	22	10
University	6	3	0	3	10	18	6
South China Reserves	9	1	0	8	6	30	2
Chinese Athletic "B"	10	0	0	10	6	39	0

Division II "B."

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Moslem Club	10	9	0	1	28	5	18
St. Joseph's Reserves	10	8	2	0	33	12	18
Chinese Athletic "A"	11	6	3	2	15	12	15
South China Boy Scouts	19	4	1	5	17	24	9
Bank Portuguese	11	4	1	6	13	25	9
Chinese Athletic "B"	11	3	0	8	15	19	6
South China "B"	9	2	0	7	14	25	4
Kowloon F.C. "B"	10	1	1	8	11	29	3

"BIG" CRICKET.

HOLIDAY TRIANGULAR TOURNAMENT.

LOCAL FIXTURES.

Looked forward to every cricket season, the representative games in the local triangular tournament begin to-morrow and will conclude during the New Year holidays.

All matches will be played on the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground and will be each of two days.

These fixtures usually provide high class cricket and attract a big crowd. The dates are—

Dec. 25 and 27: Club v. the Army.
Dec. 29 and 30: the Army v. Royal Navy.
Jan. 1 and 8: Royal Navy v. Club.

FRIENDLY CRICKET.

D. B. SCHOOL & K.O.S.B. WIN AGAIN.

Two mid-week friendly cricket matches have been played, the Diocesan Boys' School easily defeating H.M.S. "Tamar" and Kowloon C.C.'s team losing again to the 2nd Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderers.

A. W. Ramsay, the Interport player, carried out his bat for 89 after opening Kowloon's innings. Captain A. G. Dobbie, another Hong Kong Interport man, took 7 wickets with his right-arm medium stuff. Captain Thorpe made 54 and Lt. Welch 50. Scores—

Kowloon v. K.O.S.B.'s. Played at Kowloon yesterday, the Borderers winning by 6 wickets. Kowloon C.C. 151 runs. (A. W. Ramsay 89 not out, J. C. Lyall 14, H. E. Benson 14, Captain A. G. Dobbie 7 wts. for 59 runs, Lt. Hankey 2 for 43, Pte. Everest 1 for 15). Borderers 156 runs for 5 wickets. Captain Thorpe 64, Lt. Hankey 23.

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LAWN TENNIS WITH FORMER U.S. CHAMPIONS.

LOST BOTH TIMES.

During his visit to the University of California on Armistice Day, Dr. Winnington Ingram, the Bishop of London, and three former American lawn tennis champions—Miss Helen Wills, Mr. W. M. Johnston, and Mr. Summer Hardy—played several doubles sets on a clay court. The Bishop's luck was out, and he always appeared on the losing side. Paired with Miss Wills, he was defeated by Johnston and Hardy by 4-6 and 2-6. Afterwards, with Johnston as his partner, the Bishop was defeated in one set by 4-6.

BILLIARDS MATCH.

On Wednesday night European Y.M.C.A. lost to H.M.S. "Tamar" at Kowloon, in a billiards match, by 99 points. Scores (Y.M.C.A. names given first)—

A. C. Porter 43 v. D. W. Pitt 150; H. G. Lamb 68 v. J. James 150; T. M. Pilo 150 v. A. Murphy 107; W. S. Hillier 102 v. A. S. King 150; W. Deacon 141 v. F. Clark 150; L. Gay 150 v. H. S. Reding 77; Y.M.C.A. 695, H.M.S. "Tamar" 794.

ANDERSON'S FAREWELL.

Melbourne, Nov. 27. J. O. Anderson, in one of his last appearances as an amateur lawn tennis player, was beaten by G. L. Patterson, 6-4, 6-2. He was thrice beaten, in the doubles, partnered by Willard, but defeated Hawks in the singles, 6-2, 6-2. All these matches were played in the Inter-State championships, in which Victoria beat New South Wales by 12 matches to 9.

A POLICEMAN'S LOT.

A HAPPY ONE LAST NIGHT.

ANNUAL BALL REVELRIES.

The recent performance of the "Pirates of Penzance" reminded us that the average police officer could be a jolly soul, however arduous and worrying his task may be. That, however, was light opera. Last night's annual ball of the Hong Kong Police Force proved that Gilbert was no mean judge of real life, for the Colony's guardians of the peace showed their many guests that they too know how to do things—and do them really well too.

This annual event is one of those functions which invariably goes off thoroughly successfully. Last night's function was, if anything, more successful than previous years. That, of course, is saying a good deal, but nevertheless for a better demonstration of real bonhomie, cordiality and friendship, it would be difficult to look elsewhere.

The decorations were, as usual, all that could be desired. Flags and potted plants were there in profusion and, handled, as they were, with the skill of a master-craftsman, they transformed an otherwise dreary building into a virtual palace of revelry.

Festoons of coloured fairy lights were an attractive feature of the two ball rooms, whilst flags of all nations covered the walls. The lounge and dining room were decorated in similar style.

The General Committee in charge of the arrangements were the Captain Superintendent of Police (Hon Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe) President; Inspector Blackman, Chairman; Mr. S. J. Bradwell, Secretary; Mr. A. Dermier, Treasurer; and Messrs. Dick, Delahunty, Wright, Charman and Dormer.

The Guests. Among the large number of guests who were present were noticed—

H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) and Lady Clementi, the Hon Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe (C.S.P.), Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, Mr. J. Burlingham, other Superintendents of Police, Mr. T. H. King, D.C.I., Lieut. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N. (Harbour Master), Mr. Booth (Assistant Harbour Master), Major-General C. C. Luard, (G.O.C. the Forces of China), attended by his A.D.C. (Lieut. Johnston), Commodore J. L. Pearson and Mrs. Pearson, Mr. R. E. Lindsell and other Magistrates. Invitations were also issued to all doctors, Government officials, the Crown Solicitors, etc. There were also present Capt. C. H. Steele (A.D.C. to H.E. the Governor), Capt. Forster (Private Secretary to H. E. Governor) and Capt. Dowbiggin.

The Dancing. Music for dancing was provided by the band of the Hong Kong Hotel, the programme being as follows:—

Fox Trot, Roll'em Girls; Fox Trot, Why don't you marry the Girl; Waltz, Night of Love; Lancers, Amelia; Fox Trot, I diddle diddle the Cat and the Fiddle; One Step, Mother Kelly's Doorstep; Fox Trot, Hello Baby; Fox Trot, I love her; Waltz, Prisoners Song; Fox Trot, Barcelona; Fox Trot, Who; One Step, Yes, Sir, She's my Baby; Fox Trot, Then I'll be Happy; Waltz, Let me call you Sweetheart; Fox Trot, Chinese Moon; Fox Trot, Why Can't a fellow like me get a girl like you; Fox Trot, You're Burning me up; One Step, That's Why; Fox Trot, Spanish Shawl; Fox Trot, Freshie; Reel, Pipers; Fox Trot, Where did you get those eyes; One Step, Mary Lou; Fox Trot, Who'd be Blue; Fox Trot, Deep Henderson; Waltz, Oh how I miss you to-night.

The "China Mail" understands that the decorations were carried out in collaboration with the Committee of to-night's China Squadron Naval Ball.

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SEPOY'S STATEMENT NOT EVIDENCE.

At yesterday's hearing of the charge against a Sepoy of attempted murder of an Indian Subadar at Whitefield Barracks, Mr. Justice Wood ruled out as inadmissible a statement made by the accused under (he alleged) compulsion from an Indian who acted as interpreter when he was charged.

After counsel's addresses, and the Judge's summing up, the accused was found not guilty and discharged.

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For six years Mrs. Josephine Caglina searched the streets of New York for Andrew Ficarelli, who, she said, killed her son. She found him and killed him. She is shown sobbing her story to the police.



Estelle Taylor held up bravely when she arrived in Philadelphia to console her Tunney-damaged husband, Jack Dempsey.



John L. Hutcheson, son of a millionaire, appeared in court wearing a full dress suit. He was arrested for reckless driving on his way from a society wedding. He paid a \$50 fine.



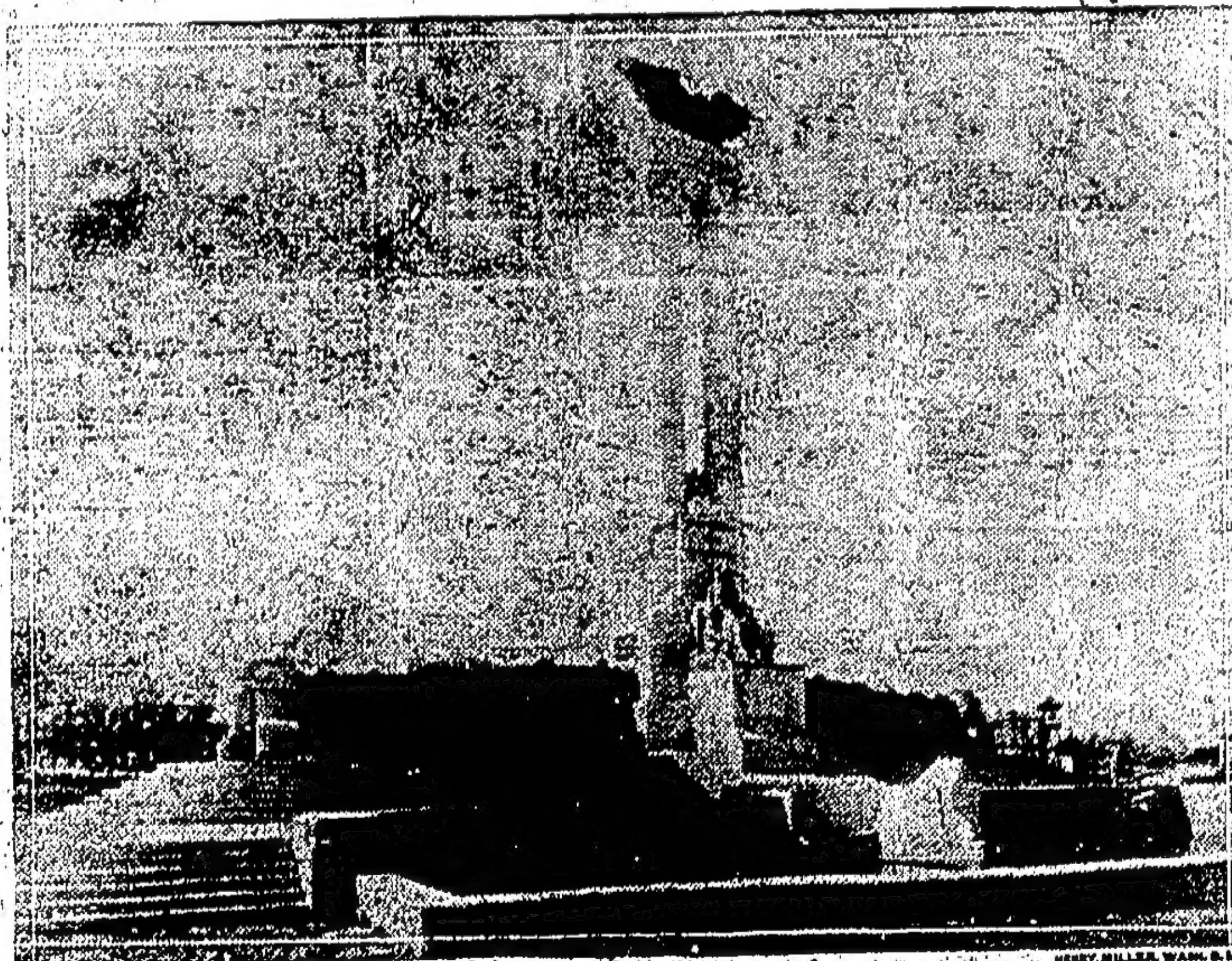
John Ignasiak (17) was arrested by Detroit police for the murder of his sixteen-year-old brother John.



Marie Esby-Smith, an attorney, renounced the practice of law to take vows as a nun.



Samuel Ahlstrand kept on working a week after a fall from a staging. Then it was learned that his neck was broken. He is recovering.



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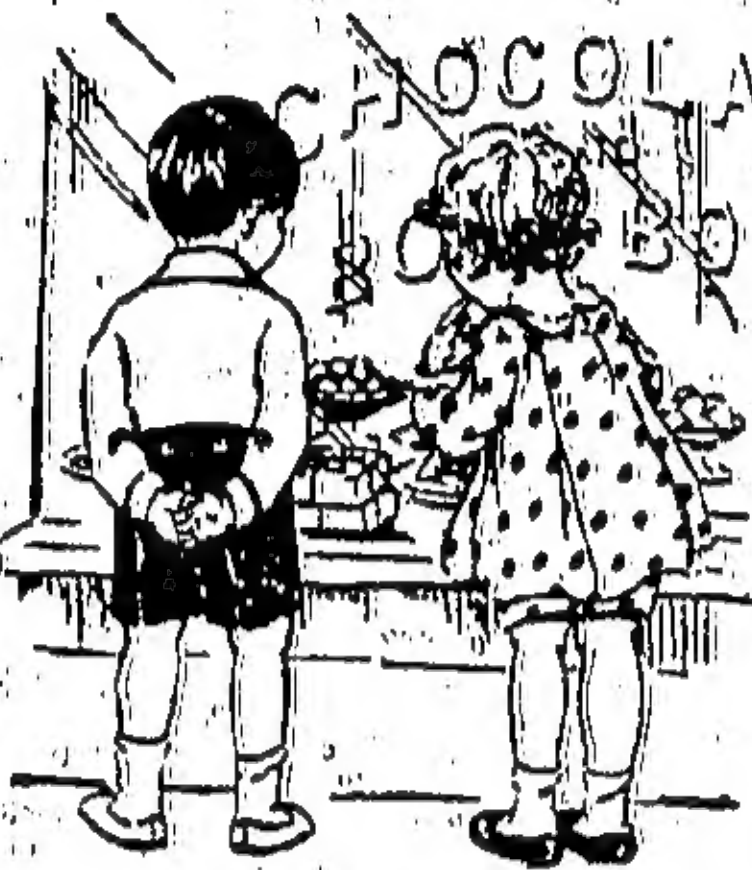
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But if the visitor tires of tramping through temples and tombs, and seeks opportunities for a lazy life, basking in the sunshine, he will find every provision made for his pleasure. At Luxor and at Assuan, to an even greater extent, a perfect holiday can be spent sailing on the river or playing tennis in the precincts of the fine modern hotels, which both towns are provided. These are the centre of social life there, as in Cairo, and provide an excellent programme of amusements daily throughout the season. But for a complete rest, nothing can equal a trip on the Nile in one of the fine stern-wheelers which run regularly between Cairo and Shellal, serving a stretch nearly 2,000 miles in length. They can be picked up at many different stages of the voyage, thus providing trips of anything from one or two days to five weeks in length.

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Several villages in succession were advanced upon, and were found deserted by the expedition, which was under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Walstab with Dr. Clifton as medical officer. The force, which consisted of some European policemen and native constables, was attacked after it had occupied the first village. The natives were dispersed.

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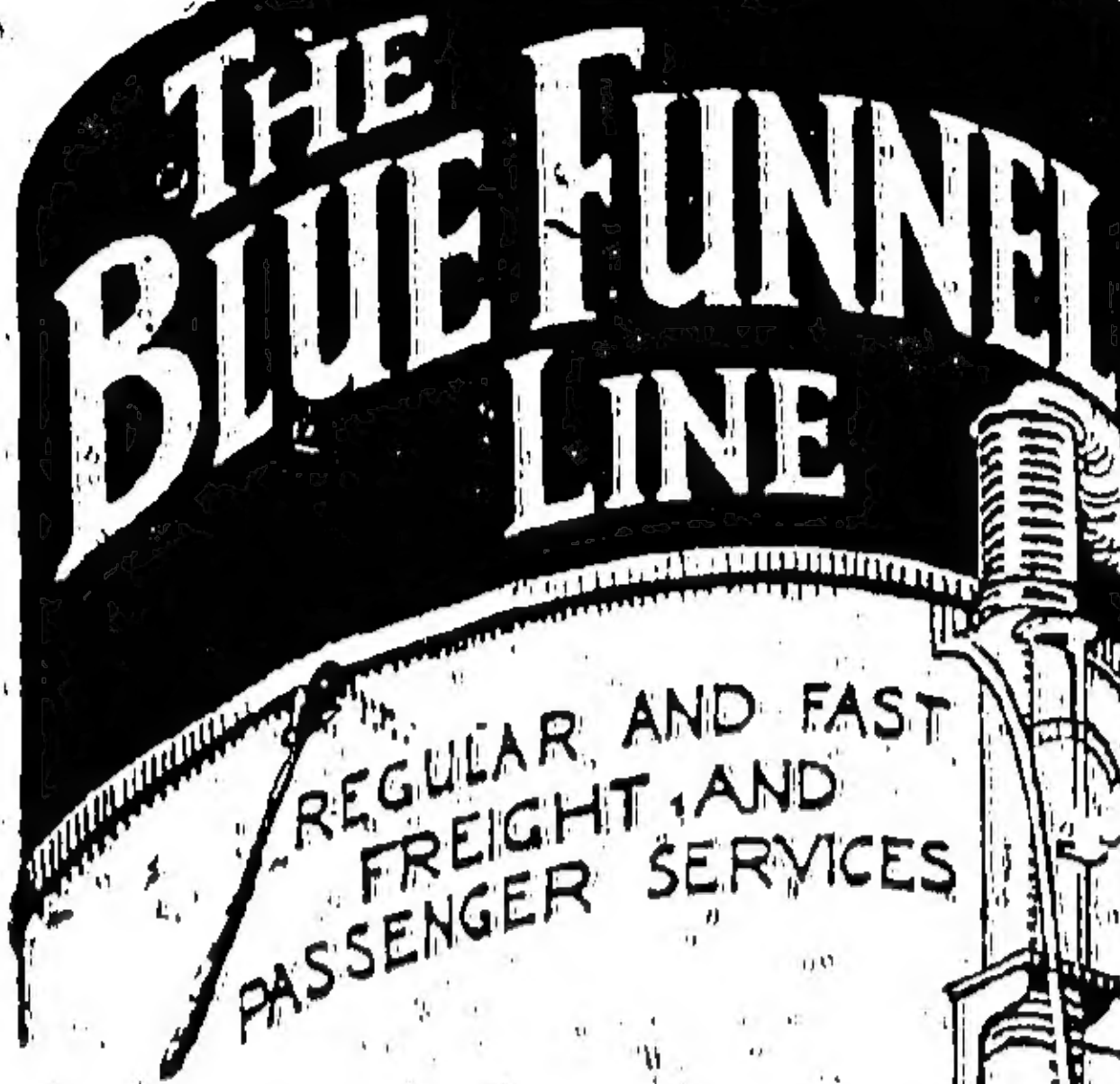
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The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays. Correspondence for Canton will be forwarded by train if so superscribed. Such correspondence must be posted not later than 7.30 a.m. at the General Post Office or 7.40 a.m. at Kowloon Post Office for despatch by the Express train scheduled to leave Kowloon Railway Station at 8.05 a.m. and to arrive at Canton at 12.20 p.m.

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SHIP'S DRAMA.

Lunatic Loose With Dagger.

ATTEMPT AT MURDER.

Rangoon, Dec. 23. A French merchant of Singapore who was arrested last week after he had been found with a torch and dagger in the cabin of an English lady, the daughter of a Singapore tradesman, on board the "Ellora" en route from Calcutta, has been charged with attempted outrage and murder and has been sentenced to detention as a lunatic and subsequently to repatriation.—Reuter.

XMAS GIFTS.

PLANES CARRY TONS AND TONS.

Rugby, Dec. 23. It is stated to-day that no fewer than nine British aeroplanes are engaged in the conveyance across the Channel of Christmas gifts. This is in addition to French, German and Dutch machines which have their share. Scores of tons of parcels have been, and are being, carried between London and Paris, Brussels, Cologne and Berlin. Yesterday five tons were despatched from Croydon for Germany. Speed is of course the factor which has made the airways suddenly so popular for this purpose. Presents can be sent up to the last day before Christmas with the certainty of their being delivered by Christmas Day.—British Wireless Service.

EMPIRE AIRWAYS.

EXPERTS TO ADVISE DOMINIONS.

Rugby, Dec. 23. Captain Fellowes, Director of Airship Development, is leaving here shortly to give expert assistance to the Dominions which contemplate the establishment of airship bases in connection with the scheme of the Imperial airship services proposed by Sir Samuel Hoare Air Minister at Imperial Conference. A part of Captain Fellowes' work will be to survey the site for an airship base at Bombay proposed by the Indian Air Board. Three other airship experts who are likely to be detailed for this work are Major Scott, who has done great service as an airship pilot and is now Officer-in-Charge of Airship Flying, Squadron Leader, Comore, Deputy Director of Airship Development, and Major Sydney Nixon, who carried out the practical survey work at the Egyptian and Karachi airship stations.—British Wireless Service.

A SOVIET PLOT.

REPORTED LITHUANIAN FIND.

Riga, Dec. 23. The Lithuanian Press reports that the police possess documents proving indubitably that Bolshevik emissaries from Moscow have prepared a Bolshevik putsch for Xmas with the object of linking up Lithuania with Soviet Russia. Similar putsches have been prepared for other Baltic states. The police claim that when they searched arrested people they found lists of people to be shot immediately after the putsch. The military coup which has resulted in a Right Wing government has thwarted these plans.—Reuter.

CHINESE EMIGRANTS.

Singapore, Dec. 23. Owing to the unsettled conditions in China, and a strong demand for labour in the rubber and tin industries, the statistics of Chinese arriving in the Straits during 1926 constitute a record, being 840,000. The previous highest, in 1913, was 269,000.—Reuter.

LANDAU AFFAIR.

GERMANS APPEAL AGAINST SENTENCES.

FRENCH PRESS VIEWS.

Paris, Dec. 23. Landau states that the three Germans sentenced to imprisonment in connection with the Garmersheim affair have appealed against their sentences. The court martial, however, states that it is not competent to deal with the appeal. While French opinion is divided with regard to the expediency as well as the equity of the verdict, the German attitude is strongly resented. The opinion is expressed that the violent outburst of the entire German press is a factitious political manoeuvre to hasten the evacuation of the Rhineland.—Reuter.

SERIOUS CHARGES.

ALIEN PROPERTY FUNDS SENSATION.

Washington, Dec. 23. The report of Mr. McCarr, the Comptroller-General in regard to the alien property funds, which President Coolidge sent to Congress, became the subject of heated controversy on the floor of the Senate. Senator Borah, commenting on the statement in the report that all the property and cash had been disposed of as required by law, alleged that Mr. McCarr omitted to say that the property had been sold for ten cents on the dollar and that ten cents had been accounted for instead of the dollar.—Reuter's American Service.

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STRAIN EASED.

GERMANY AND POLAND AGREE.

DEPORTATION QUESTIONS.

Warsaw, Dec. 23. The question of deportation of respective nationals which has long been straining relations between Germany and Poland has been settled by the conclusion of a series of conventions and agreements. The number of Polish workers who have been in Germany several years and who have been ordered to leave the country has been reduced to 8,000. The agreement regarding these workers stipulates that a definite convention on the migration of agricultural workers shall be negotiated before February 27. Protracted negotiations concerning questions of nationality have also resulted in agreement. Germany has agreed to restore archives and other documents to Poland, and Poland has promised to refrain from selling the goods of Germans who were temporarily Polish citizens in 1920.—Reuter.

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